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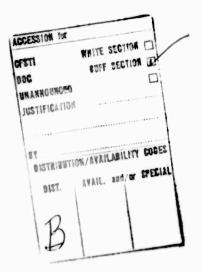
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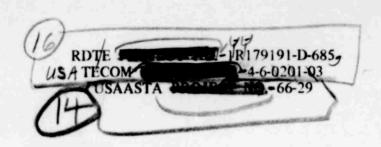
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ABSTRACT

The CH-47C was flight tested to obtain detailed performance data and to verify compliance of the aircraft with the manufacturer's detail sepcification and applicable military specifications. The test results show that the helicopter exceeded all performance guarantees and complied with all specifications against which it was tested, except airspeed position errors. The inaccuracy of the engine torquemeter system and high engine compartment vibration levels were the only two deficiencies found. Seven shortcomings were noted for which correction is desirable: (1) objectionable cockpit vibration levels which limit maximum level-flight airspeed, (2) moderate pilot effort required to maintain optimum climb airspeeds, (3) 3/rev airspeed indicator needle oscillations at high power settings, (4) engine torque mismatch resulting from adjusting rotor speed, (5) use of landing gear power steering control may be lost at gross weights below 30,000 pounds, (6) objectionable cargo compartment vibration, and (7) objectionable noise levels in the cockpit. The small airspeed system position error associated with changes in vertical speed represent a marked improvement over the systems in the CH-47A and the CH-47B. The greatly improved hover capability and excellent climb performance enhance the operational suitability of the helicopter. The use of a cruise guide indicator to display inflight loads on the aft dynamic components of the flight control system is excellent and should be incorporated in future designs. The performance characteristics of the helicopter are satisfactory for operational use.

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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

- 1. Experience with the CH-47A/B helicopter in Vietnam has verified the importance of improving both payload and speed capability at high density altitudes (HD). These increased capabilities would provide for better combat effectiveness and utilization of the aircraft.
- 2. The product improvement program (ref 1, app 1) defines a two-step program to incorporate performance, stability, and vibration-level improvements in production CH-47 helicopters. Aircraft configured for step-one modifications have been identified as configuration 1A and are designated CH-47B. The second step in the product improvement program provides for the incorporation of increased shaft horsepower (shp) and necessary modification to accommodate the higher power for a further increase in payload capability. Aircraft configured for step-two modifications have been identified as configuration II and are designated CH-47C.
- 3. The test directive issued by the US Army Test and Evaluation Command (TECOM) (ref 2, app 1) directed the US Army Aviation Systems Test Activity (USAASTA) to participate in the CH-47 product improvement program. This participation included the conduct of tests on the production configuration CH-47C to acquire detailed performance, vibration, and stability and control information. The test directive (ref 3) issued by the US Army Aviation Systems Command (AVSCOM) provided additional guidance and forwarded agreed changes to the test plan which were incorporated (ref 4). The CH-47C airworthiness and flight characteristics (A&FC) test program was divided into two phases: performance, and stability and control. This report discusses the performance phase of the program.

TEST OBJECTIVES

- 4. The objectives of the A&FC performance tests were to obtain and compile performance data on a production CH-47C helicopter for incorporation into technical manuals. Tests were conducted to determine the following:
 - a. Degree of conformance with the detail specification (ref 5, app 1).
- b. Degree of conformance with the T55-L-11 engine model specification (ref 6, app 1).
- c. Conformance with the portion of MIL-1-6115A (ref 7, app 1) applicable to airspeed and altimeter systems.

DESCRIPTION

- The CH-47C helicopter is manufactured by the Vertol Division of The Boeing Company (Boeing-Vertol). It is a dual-engine, turbine-powered, tandem-rotor aircraft designed to provide air transportation for cargo, troops, and weapons within the combat area. The helicopter is powered by two Lycoming T55-L-11 turboshaft engines mounted in separate nacelles on the aft portion of the fuselage. The engines drive two three-bladed rotors in tandem through a combining transmission, drive shafting, and reduction transmissions. A gas turbine hydraulic auxiliary power unit (APU) drives the aft transmission accessory gearbox to provide hydraulic and electrical power for engine starting and other ground operations when the rotors are not turning. Two pods, containing three fuel tanks each, are located on either side of the fuselage. The helicopter is equipped with four nonretractable landing gear. An entrance door is located at the forward right side of the cabin fuselage section. A hydraulically powered loading ramp is located at the rear of the cargo compartment. Side-by-side seating arrangements are provided for the pilots. All tests, except those noted below, were conducted with the cargo mirror and engine inlet screens removed, and also with the cargo ramp and lip, all doors, windows, and cargo hook hatch closed. Landing and takeoff tests were conducted with the engine inlet screens installed and cargo hook hatch removed. Hover tests were conducted with the cargo hook hatch removed. The physical characteristics of the CH-47C helicopter are presented in appendix II. A detailed explanation of the engineering changes which have been incorporated in the CH-47C can be found in the product improvement report (ref 1, app 1). The significant changes from the CH-47B are as follows:
- a. T55-L-11 engines rated at 3,750 maximum shp at sea-level (SL), standard-day conditions (Engineering Change Proposal (ECP) 449)).
- b. Uprated engine transmission and combining transmission (ECP 446 and ECP 447).
- c. Increased torque load carrying capability of the forward transmission (ECP 435).
- d. Increased torque load carrying capability of the aft transmission (ECP 436).
- e. Strengthened synchronizing shaft adapters, engine drive shaft, and engine drive shaft adapter (ECP 448).
 - f. Increased capacity of the lag dampers (ECP 451).
 - g. Increased fuel capacity (ECP 553).
 - h. Increased wall thickness of the aft rotor shaft (ECP 402).
 - i. Installation of automatically tuned vibration absorbers (ECP 554).

- j. Revised forward cyclic trim (ECP 598).
- k. Incorporation of balance springs to collective and directional controls (ECP 610).
 - 1. Installation of pitch stability augmentation (PSA) system (ECP 611R1).
- m. Reduced lateral control sensitivity and added limited roll attitude retention (ECP 620).
 - n. Revised aft pylon vibration absorber tuning (ECP 574).
 - o. Revised aft upper controls (ECP 585).
- p. Installed flight-load indicating system (ECP 556). (Installed in the helicopter for evaluation of the cruise guide indicator (CGI) system and as an aid in conducting the tests. The system is not presently incorporated in production aircraft.)

SCOPE OF TEST

- 6. During the test program, 99 flights were conducted for a total of 151.6 hours, of which 95.9 hours were productive. Of the nonproductive time, 32.9 hours were used for ferrying the aircraft to the various test sites, 10.3 hours were used for functional check flights and instrumentation checks, and the remaining flight hours were used for flying to the local test areas and returning. Testing was conducted from 13 October 1969 to 21 August 1970 in California at the US Naval Air Facility, El Centro (-43 feet), Coyote Flats (9,500 feet), Edwards Air Force Base (2,302 feet), and Shafter (420 feet), and in Canada at the Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Alberta (1,774 feet).
- 7. The CH-47C was evaluated with respect to its mission as a transport helicopter as defined in the detail specification (ref 5, app 1). Performance results were compared to the guarantees set forth in the detail specification and are presented in paragraph 14.
- 8. The normal operating limitations listed in reference 8, appendix 1, as modified by the test directive (ref 4), were observed during all tests.

METHODS OF TEST

9. Test methods and data reduction procedures used in these tests are proven engineering flight test techniques and are described briefly in appendix 111. A more detailed discussion is contained in references 9 through 13, appendix 1.

- 10. Data were recorded on a photopanel and oscillograph utilizing calibrated sensitive instruments. A detailed list of test helicopter instrumentation is included as appendix IV.
- 11. Flying qualities characteristics, where appropriate, were evaluated during performance tests. The Handling Qualities Rating Scale (HQRS) was used to augment qualitative comments and is presented as appendix V.

CHRONOLOGY

12. The chronology of the CH-47C A&FC performance test program is as follows:

| Test request received | 29 | April | 1969 |
|---|----|-----------|------|
| Aircraft received | 12 | May | 1969 |
| Engineering flight tests started | 13 | October | 1969 |
| Engineering flight tests completed | 21 | August | 1970 |
| Report sent to AVSCOM for author review | 11 | January | 1971 |
| Report returned to USAASTA | 22 | February | 1971 |
| Advance copy of report submitted | | September | 1971 |

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

GENERAL

- 13. Flights were conducted on a production model CH-47C to obtain detailed performance data for use in determining compliance with the detail specification (ref 1, app 1) and applicable military specifications. The data also provide information for use in technical manuals and other publications. The CH-47C exceeded all contract performance guarantees. A summary of the performance guarantee compliance is presented in table 1. Torquemeter system inaccuracy and high engine compartment vibration levels were the only deficiencies that affected mission accomplishment. There were seven shortcomings for which correction is desirable: (1) objectionable cockpit vibration levels which limit maximum level-flight airspeed, (2) moderate pilot effort required to maintain optimum climb airspeeds, (3) airspeed indicator needle oscillations (3/rev) at high power settings, (4) engine torque mismatch which results from adjusting rotor speed, (5) the use of landing gear power steering control at gross weights below 30,000 pounds, (6) objectionable cargo compartment vibration, and (7) objectionable noise levels. The 6,000-pound (15-percent) increase in maximum gross weight (grwt) and the 4,600-pound (22-percent) increase in payload capability of the CH-47C over that of the CH-47B represents a significant increase in the operational effectiveness of the helicopter. The airspeed at which unacceptable cockpit vibration levels occur on the CH-47C has been increased approximately 20 knots (17 percent) above that of the CH-47B at the light gross weights. The reduction in airspeed system position error associated with changes in vertical speed represents a marked improvement over the CH-47A and CH-47B. The greatly improved hover capabilities and the excellent climb performance enhance the operational capability of the helicopter. The use of a cruise guide indicator to show inflight loads on the aft dynamic components is excellent and should be incorporated in present and future CH-47C helicopters.
- 14. Table 1 lists guarantees based upon the specified mission gross weights and rotor speeds where applicable. Performance guarantees are quoted for an aircraft configured for an internal cargo mission (no outside mirror, no troop seats, and without inlet screens or separators) at a 245-rpm rotor speed, unless stated otherwise. Guarantee compliance was demonstrated in accordance with Boeing-Vertol report number 114-TN-601, revision A (ref 4, app 1), as approved by the procuring activity.

Table 1. Performance Guarantee Summary.

| Condition | Unit | Guarantee | Test Results |
|---|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Mission I payload, outbound | 1ь | 12,000 | ² 12,000 |
| Mission I ¹ payload, inbound | 1b | 6,000 | ² 6,000 |
| Mission I ¹ radius of action | NM ³ | 100 | ² 100 |
| Mission I ¹ service ceiling, single engine, military power (MP) | ft | 4,000 | 46,500 |
| Mission I ¹ OGE hover capability, 95°F day | ft | 6,000 | ⁵ 6,680 |
| Mission II maximum cruise speed, SL, standard day, normal power (NP) | KTAS 7 | 155 | 158 |
| Mission III 8 OGE hover capability, SL, standard day | 1b | 43,000 | 44,450 |

Mission I. The helicopter shall be capable of hovering at 6,000 feet for 10 minutes at 95°F, OGE, at gross weight required for accomplishment of Mission I (guaranteed). The Mission I gross weight includes an outbound payload of 12,000 pounds, return payload of 6,000 pounds, and fuel for a radius of 100 NM.

²Value fixed to determine the Mission I gross weight (ref 5, app I).

³Nautical mile.

Results calculated from level flight performance.

Results calculated from generalized hover performance.

6 Mission II. The aircraft shall possess the ability to cruise at 155 knots at its design gross weight of 33,000 pounds.

7Knots true airspeed.

Mission III. The helicopter shall be capable of hovering OGE at SL, standard-day, maximum power conditions at a gross weight of 43,000 pounds (guaranteed).

HOVER PERFORMANCE

- 15. The objectives of the hover performance tests were to determine the in-ground-effect (IGE) and out-of-ground-effect (OGE) power required as a function of aircraft gross weight, density altitude, and rotor speed; and to determine detail specification compliance. Tests were conducted using the tethered flight method. Hover data were gathered at field elevations of approximately SL and 9,500 feet. The SL data contained the majority of low referred rotor speed data and included performance from 217 to 248 rpm, while the 9,500-foot density altitude data included referred rotor speeds from 225 to 252 rpm. Data were obtained at hover heights of 5, 10, 20, 50, and 150 feet (referenced to the bottom of the right rear tire). The test technique and data analysis methods are described in paragraphs 11 through 18, appendix 111.
- 16. The IGE hover capability at a 10-foot wheel height for a standard day and a 95°F day is presented in figure 1, appendix V1. At the alternate design gross weight (46,000 pounds), a 10-foot wheel height, and a 245-rpm rotor speed, the aircraft can hover at 8,250 feet on a standard day.
- 17. The OGE hover performance in figure 3, appendix VI, shows that at 37,474 pounds the CH47C helicopter can hover OGE at a 6,680-foot pressure altitude on a 95-degree day at a 245-rpm rotor speed. This exceeds the Mission I guarantee by 680 feet (11.3 percent). The standard-day, SL, OGE hover capability at a 245-rpm rotor speed is 44,450 pounds, which exceeds the Mission III hover capability guarantee by 1,450 pounds (3.4 percent). A comparison between the useful load capabilities of the CH-47B and the CH-47C is shown in table 2. The hover performance of the CH-47C is greatly improved over that of the CH-47B. This increased payload capability enhances the operational capability of the helicopter.

Table 2. Out-of-Ground-Effect Useful Load Comparison Summary.

| Aircraft | Empty Weight | Useful Load ¹ | Useful Load ² | Rotor Speed (rpm) |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| CH-47B | 20,068 | 19,900 | 19,250 | 230 |
| CH-47C | 20,213 | 24,237 | 23,867 | 245 |

¹SL, standard-day conditions.

²SL, 95°F-day conditions.

TAKEOFF PERFORMANCE

- 18. The objective of the takeoff performance test was to determine the takeoff distance required to clear a 100-foot obstacle. The tests were conducted at a field elevation of 9,500 feet mean sea level (MSL) and at gross weights ranging from 39,000 to 43,000 pounds at a mid center of gravity (cg). Rotor speed was maintained at 245 rpm.
- 19. The level acceleration from a hover to a constant climbout airspeed technique was used. Takeoffs were initiated from a 10-foot hover, when sufficient power was available, with maximum power applied at the initiation of forward motion. When sufficient power was not available to hover at 10 feet, takeoffs were initiated at the hover height obtainable with maximum power. Takeoffs at a hover height of less than 8 feet were not attempted. During acceleration, the pilot attempted to maintain level flight; however, the flight path varied from 5 to 10 feet above the ground. Rotation to a climbout attitude was initiated approximately 5 knots below the target airspeed and maintained until the obstacle was cleared. A Fairchild Flight Analyzer was used to record ground speed and horizontal distance required to clear a 100-foot obstacle. The data reduction method is described in paragraphs 19 through 21, appendix III, and the results are presented in figures 13 through 18, appendix VI.
- 20. Takeoff tests conducted at gross weights where OGE hover could not be attained resulted in the aircraft settling toward the ground when rotation to a climb attitude was initiated prematurely. This occurred when the power available was less than the power required for OGE level flight at the climbout airspeed. At higher airspeeds, approximately 50 knots true airspeed (KTAS), the aircraft could maintain a positive rate of climb beyond the 100-foot obstacle. When the maximum hover height was 10 feet or less, the acceleration prior to rotation demanded considerable pilot effort and technique to prevent the aircraft from contacting the ground. When power was insufficient to hover higher than 10 feet, the horizontal distance required to clear the 100-foot obstacle varied from 1,775 feet at 50 KTAS to 2,395 feet at 70 KTAS (fig. 14, app VI). The technique of accelerating to the higher airspeed prior to rotation (approximately 70 knots indicated airspeed (KIAS)), providing space is available, provides a higher rate of climb before and after the 100-foot obstacle is cleared and would also provide for a higher margin of safety in the event of an engine failure. The level acceleration takeoff technique should not be used when power available is insufficient to hover higher than 10 feet.
- 21. During the takeoff tests, the pilot experienced difficulty in maintaining a precise rotor speed during the level acceleration to climb attitude. To alleviate this problem, the copilot monitored the power parameters and control rotor speed by manipulation of the beeper and thrust control rod. This procedure allowed the pilot to concentrate on controlling the aircraft during takeoff. The operator's manual should reflect the technique of using the copilot to monitor and control the power parameters during takeoff where power available is insufficient to accomplish vertical takeoffs.

FORWARD FLIGHT CLIMB PERFORMANCE

- 22. The objective of these tests was to determine the maximum climb airspeed schedule and rates of climb up to service or envelope ceiling, whichever was reached first. The climb airspeed schedule was then compared with that calculated from the level-flight performance data.
- 23. Sawtooth climbs were conducted to determine the power and gross weight correction factors at referred gross weights of 26,540, 45,620, and 51,530 pounds at various power settings and density altitudes. The results of these climbs are presented in figures 23 and 24, appendix VI. The tests show that the power correction factor (Kp) remained essentially constant throughout the gross weights tested.
- 24. Continuous climbs were conducted for both dual-engine and single-engine operation. Single-engine climbs at military rated power (MRP) to service ceiling were conducted at a rotor speed of 230 rpm at 37,365 pounds, the approximate Mission I gross weight. Dual-engine climbs at normal rated power (NRP) to the envelope limit altitude of 15,000 feet were conducted at gross weights of 26,235 and 33,355 pounds at a rotor speed of 235 rpm. At 46,295 pounds, a climb to service ceiling was conducted at 245 rpm. All climb data were adjusted for power, rpm, gross weight, and air density variations as defined in appendix 111.
- 25. The contractor climb airspeed schedules were within ±2 knots of the best rate-of-climb airspeed obtained from level flight.
- 26. Cockpit vibration levels were evaluated during the climb tests and are satisfactory for operational use.
- 27. The single-engine MRP climb performance (derived from the level-flight generalized power-required curves and power-available curves as specified in ref 6, app I) was used to determine compliance with the Mission I guarantees. These calculated results show a single-engine service ceiling of 6,600 feet, which exceeds the guarantee by 2,600 feet (65 percent). The single-engine service ceiling at Mission I gross weight is satisfactory for operational use.
- 28. The dual-engine climb performance of the CH-47C is presented in figures 20 through 22, appendix VI. The aircraft is limited to an altitude of 15,000 feet due to possible cavitation of the flight control hydraulic boost pumps. Table 3 presents the rate of climb at altitude ceiling. The CH-47C has demonstrated that the altitude ceiling can be achieved throughout the allowable gross weight range. Dual-engine climb performance is satisfactory for operational use. At altitudes below 5,000 feet, a pitch oscillation was encountered which required the pilot to make numerous longitudinal control corrections in order to fly the climb airspeed schedule (HQRS 4). Above this altitude, the pilot could fly the climb schedule with a minimum of control inputs (HQRS 2). Increasing the climb airspeed schedule by approximately 10 knots would decrease pilot effort at low altitudes with a degradation in climb performance of approximately 100 feet per minute (ft/min).

This degradation is compensated by reduced pilot effort during climbs. The climb airspeed should be increased to 80 KIAS for night operation, sling load operations, and instrument flight, and should be used any time maximum climb performance is not required. The forward flight dual-engine climb performance of the CH-47C helicopter enhances the mission capability of the aircraft.

Table 3. Rate of Climb at Altitude Ceiling.1

| Gross Weight (1b) | Rotor Speed (rpm) | Pressure Aititude (ft) | Rate of Climb ft/min |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 26,235 | 235 | 15,000 | 2,300 |
| 33,255 | 235 | 15,000 | 1,225 |
| 46,795 | 245 | 8,000 | 445 |

Dual-engine normal rated power (NRP).

LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

- 29. The objective of these tests was to determine the variation of power required with rotor speed, airspeed, and gross weight. From these relationships, specific range, endurance airspeed, maximum airspeed, level-flight engine performance characteristics, and detail specification guarantees were determined.
- 30. Level-flight performance data were acquired using the constant referred rotor speed $(NR/\sqrt{\theta})$ and referred gross weight (W/δ) method of test. Data were obtained at constant referred gross weights ranging from 26,060 to 60,520 pounds for constant referred rotor speeds of 225 to 268 rpm. Previous tests conducted on the CH-47 helicopter have shown that cg does not have a significant effect on power required during level flight. Therefore, all tests conducted during this program were conducted at a mid cg.
- 31. The generalized power-required curves derived from these tests are presented in figures 25 through 41, appendix VI. The computation of Mission I gross weight is presented in table 4. Computation of the fixed useful load for accomplishing Mission I is presented in table 5. The radius-of-action summary plot is presented in figure 42, appendix VI. Range summaries at SL and 5,000 feet are presented in figures 43 and 44.

Table 4. Computation of Mission I Gross Weight.1

| Item | Weight (1b) | |
|--|----------------|--|
| Detail specification Weight Empty Statement | 20,420 | |
| Troop seats | -169 | |
| Engine inlet screen | -38 | |
| Mission I empty weight | 20,213 | |
| Fixed useful load | 739 | |
| Fuel | 4,522 | |
| Outbound payload | 12,000 | |
| Mission I gross weight | 37,474 | |
| Engine start gross weight | 37,474 | |
| Warm-up (2 minutes) at NRP | -111 | |
| Outbound fuel | -2,005 | |
| Landing gross weight | 35,358 | |
| Average outbound gross weight | 36,361 | |
| Offload 12,000 pounds, load 6,000 pounds | 29,358 | |
| Warm-up (2 minutes) at NRP | -111 | |
| Inbound fuel | -1,843 | |
| Landing gross weight | 27,404 | |
| Average inbound gross weight | 28,325 | |
| Unload 6,000 pounds | 21,404 | |
| Fixed useful load | 739 | |
| Empty weight plus fuel | 20,665 | |
| Ten-percent fuel reserve | -452 | |
| Mission I empty weight | 20,213 | |
| Average specific range outbound: 0.0499 NAMPP | , 3 | |
| Outbound fuel: 2,005 lb Outbound range at average 135 KTAS: 2 100 NM | | |
| Average specific range inbound: 0.0543 NAMPP | | |
| Inbound fuel: 1,843 lb Inbound range at average 125 KTAS: 2 100 NM | | |

¹Based on SL, standard-day conditions, T55-L-11 engines installed, bleed air OFF, heater OFF, all windows and doors closed, cargo mirror not installed, and 245 rpm rotor speed.

²Average cruise speed at specific range as defined by ML-C-5011A,

'Average cruise speed at specific range as defined by MIL-C-5011A specific range for weights shown in computation of Mission gross weight above.

3Nautical air miles per pound of fuel.

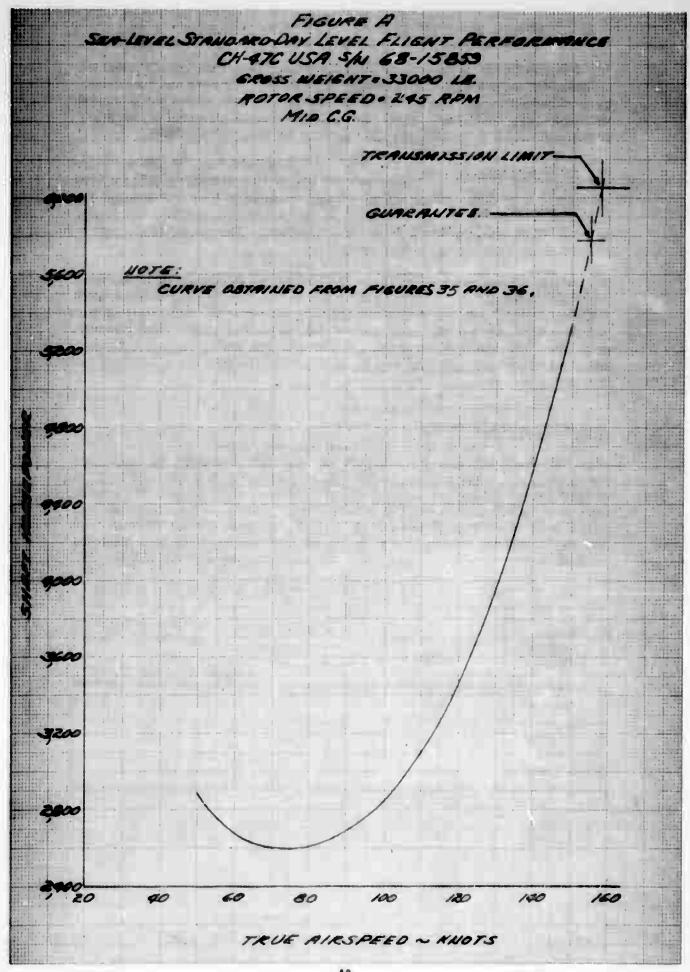
Table 5. Fixed Useful Load for Accomplishing Mission I.

| Item | Weight (1b) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Three crew members at 200 pounds each | 600 |
| Unusable fuel | 36 |
| Engine oil | 53 |
| Cargo tiedown devices | 50 |
| Total: | 739 |

- 32. Figure A shows that the CH-47C exceeded the detail specification Mission 11 maximum airspeed guarantee of 155 KTAS by 3 knots (1.9 percent). The maximum velocity at altitudes above 5,000 feet was usually limited by cockpit vibration or cruise guide indicator limit. At altitudes below 5,000 feet and gross weights of 33,000 pounds and below, the maximum velocity of the helicopter was generally limited by the transmission torque limit of 1,015 foot-pounds (ft-lb). The never-exceed airspeed (VNE) for the operational envelope could be easily reached prior to achieving the transmission torque limit.
- 33. On a SL standard day at all operational rpm's, the maximum endurance airspeed is 67 KTAS at a 26,000-pound grwt, increasing to 85 KTAS at a 46,000-pound grwt. The operational endurance airspeed should be established at 80 KIAS if either time or operational conditions do not permit use of the exact endurance speeds published in the performance tables of the operator's manual. The level flight performance of the CH-47C helicopter is satisfactory for operational use.

AUTOROTATIONAL DESCENT PERFORMANCE

- 34. The objective of these tests was to determine, for various gross weights, the optimum airspeed and rotor speed for minimum rate of descent and maximum glide distance in power-off flight.
- 35. Autorotational descent performance data were obtained at gross weights of 24,600, 26,130, and 33,270 pounds at an average density altitude of 5,000 feet with the aircraft ballasted to a mid cg. The airspeeds for minimum rate of descent and best glide distance were determined at a rotor speed of 230 rpm, as specified by the operator's manual. The effects of rotor speed on descent performance were investigated at rotor speeds of 214 to 261 rpm (the maximum allowable range).



- 36. The autorotational descent performance derived from these tests is presented in figure 45, appendix VI. The data show that the rate of descent was not affected by gross weight at the weights tested. In addition, the rate of descent decreased with decreasing rotor speed. Future tests should be conducted to define the heavy gross-weight (40,000 pounds and above) autorotational characteristics.
- 37. Under standard-day conditions at an altitude of 5,000 feet at the test gross weight, the maximum glide distance was achieved at 104 KIAS (112 KTAS). Rate of descent is relatively insensitive to changes in airspeed from the airspeed for minimum rate of descent (80 KTAS). A change in airspeed of ±10 knots results in a rate-of-descent increase of less than 100 ft/min. This characteristic greatly reduces the pilot workload during autorotation.
- 38. Above a rotor speed of 255 rpm, the cockpit vibration levels increased from moderate to heavy, and the pilot was unable to read the instrument panel gages (HQRS 6). Rotor speed was sensitive and very responsive to small thrust control rod movements. Precise rotor speed control required moderate pilot effort; however, rotor speed can easily be maintained within operating limits. The autorotational descent performance characteristics of the CH-47C helicopter are satisfactory for operational use.

LANDING PERFORMANCE

39. The objectives of these tests were to define an operational technique and the accompanying performance while landing over a 100-foot obstacle at gross weights and/or power conditions which preclude safe vertical descent. The landing tests were conducted at a field elevation of 9,500 feet, in conjunction with and at the same target gross weights as the takeoff performance tests. The tests were limited to internally carried loads. A summary of landing distances is presented in table 6.

Table 6. Summary of Landing Distances Over a 100-Foot Obstacle.

| Gross Weight (1b) | Center-of-Gravity Location | Indicated Airspeed (kt) | Distance Required From 100 Feet to Hover (ft) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 35,000 | Mid | 40 | 875 |
| 39,000 | Mid | 40 | 1,060 |
| 43,000 | Mid | 40 | 1,410 |

40. The landing technique used consisted of executing a shallow approach (5 to 8 degrees) at approximately 40 KIAS. Between 100 and 150 feet above the ground, a gradual deceleration was initiated while maintaining the descent angle. As the aircraft decelerated, power was gradually increased so as to arrive at the hover point with maximum power available and zero ground speed. A distance of from 200 to 300 feet was required to stop the helicopter after a 5- to 10-foot rear wheel height had been achieved. Attempts to stop the helicopter immediately upon reaching a low hover invariably resulted in either ground contact at the termination of the approach or transient increases in power in excess of the transmission limit. The landing performance characteristics of the CH-47C helicopter are satisfactory for operational use.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ground Handling Characteristics

- 41. To ground taxi using power steering, both pilots are required to perform separate duties. One pilot physically monitors and restricts all control movements while the other pilot operates the brakes and power steering control knob. This prevents either pilot from accomplishing other tasks, such as copying instrument clearances, while the helicopter is being taxied. This inability for one pilot to ground taxi with power steering is undesirable and reduces mission effectiveness.
- 42. When the helicopter is ground operated at light gross weights (less than 30,000 pounds) with power steering engaged, it is possible for the aft right-hand landing gear to become airborne, which causes a loss of the use of the power steering control. Correction of this shortcoming is desirable for improved mission effectiveness.
- 43. Ground taxi of the CH-47C with the power steering off can be accomplished with moderate pilot effort using the technique recommended in the operator's manual.

Power Management System and Rotor Speed Control

44. During powered flight, the rpm control of the rotor system is achieved by the two engine beep trim switches located on the thrust control rod. The switch on the left side controls the power output of the #1 (left) engine; the normal engine control switch (#1 and #2) is located on the right side, and controls the power output of the #1 and #2 engines combined. To change rotor speed, the pilot must position these beeper switches either forward (to increase rpm) or aft (to decrease rpm). Once the rotor speed was set and torques were matched by manipulation of these beeper switches, relatively good torque match could be maintained throughout the entire travel of the thrust control rod. Difficulty arose in that rpm varied with collective position, although the #1 and #2 engine torque settings remained matched. This variance necessitated additional beeping of the #1 and #2 switch (right switch) to achieve the desired rpm for the particular

gross weight. When this rpm matching was attempted, major torque mismatching occurred which required further manipulation of both beeper switches. This manipulation detracted from the pilot's and/or copilot's ability to devote attention to other cockpit or flight duties and became especially critical during heavy gross weight sling-load operations (HQRS 5). Correction of the torque mismatch with rpm changes is desirable for improved operation and mission effectiveness.

Engine Air Starts

- 45. The objective of these tests was to ensure that the T55-L-11 engines could be air started within the operational flight envelope of the helicopter, following the procedures specified in the operator's manual. Air starts were performed at approximately minimum power-required airspeed at pressure altitudes of 5,000, 10,000, and 15,000 feet. Starts were conducted on each engine with at least 3 minutes between starts to allow stabilization of the combustion chamber temperatures.
- 46. Either engine could be restarted at all altitudes tested. The procedure contained in the operator's manual was found to be satisfactory for all conditions tested. The engine air start characteristics of the CH-47C helicopter are satisfactory for operational use.

Engine Characteristics

- 47. The power-available curves used for performance tests were based on the T55-L-11 engine model specification (ref 6, app 1) and are presented in figures 46 through 57, appendix VI. A zero-degree engine inlet temperature rise and a ram pressure rise as determined from Boeing-Vertol tests were used in calculating the installed power available. The inlet characteristics curves are presented in figures 59 and 60.
- 48. The engine characteristics of the three test engines (LE 19110, LE 19146, and LE 19258) showed that the engines were performing to the level of the engine calibrations shown in figures 61 through 71, appendix VI. However, during the performance test program, the #2 engine showed a high vibration level which necessitated changing engines as well as exchanging locations from one side to the other. Table 7 is a list of component failures that resulted during the test program. Due to high vibration levels encountered during the test program and other incidents at other test agencies, Lycoming Division of Avco Corporation (Lycoming) is now in the process of modifying the T55-L-11 engines.

Table 7. #2 Engine Component Failure Summary (Selected Items).

| Nature of Problem | Date | Component Type |
|---|-----------|----------------|
| Fuel temperar .e probe cracked | 31 Oct 69 | Production |
| Broken fire detection element | 12 Nov 69 | Production |
| Fuel temperature probe cracked | 18 Nov 69 | Test |
| Fuel temperature probe cracked | 24 Nov 69 | Test |
| Fuel temperature wire broken | 28 Nov 69 | Test |
| Broken fire detection element | 3 Dec 69 | Production |
| Fuel temperature wire broken | 3 Dec 69 | Test |
| Excessive engine vibration | 29 Dec 69 | Production |
| Broken fire detection element | 30 Dec 69 | Production |
| N ₂ actuator failure | 5 Jan 70 | Production |
| N ₂ actuator failure | 13 Jan 70 | Production |
| Fuel temperature wire broken | 10 Apr 70 | Test |
| Engine oil cooler assembly ruptured | 30 Apr 70 | Production |
| Igniters worn excessively | 30 Apr 70 | Production |
| Burner can brackets broken | 30 Apr 70 | Production |
| Fuel flowmeter case failed | 8 Jun 70 | Test |
| Anti-ice hot air valve threads stripped | 15 Jun 70 | Production |
| Tail pipe cracked at seam | 15 Jun 70 | Production |
| Engine forward and aft mount bearings scored | 15 Jun 70 | Production |
| Transmission cover retainer assembly worn beyond limits | 15 Jun 70 | Production |

Torquemeter System Accuracy

- 49. The engine torquemeter system accuracy stated by Boeing-Vertol and by Lycoming was ±2 percent. During this evaluation, inaccuracies up to 7 percent were recorded. After the aircraft was received from the contractor and prior to the start of the performance tests, the torquemeter system was modified by Boeing-Vertol personnel to improve the accuracy. Late in the test program, reworked torquemeter power supply units were installed. The torquemeter system accuracies experienced at various times throughout the test program are shown in figures 72 through 77, appendix VI. Lycoming and Boeing-Vertol experienced similar difficulties with aircraft at the Boeing-Vertol facility which resulted in a thorough investigation of the problem. Boeing-Vertol now claims to have improved the accuracy of the system to within ±3 percent.
- 50. To compensate for inaccuracies, corrections were applied to observed engine torquemeter readings during all portions of the test program to ensure that the desired torque was being obtained. From an operational standpoint, torquemeter inaccuracies resulting in excessively high torquemeter readings prevent the operational pilot from achieving the maximum capability of the helicopter. Also, inadvertent high torquemeter readings would cause the pilot to believe that the torque limits as specified in the operator's manual have been exceeded. The reduced helicopter capability and the unnecessary inspections or component changes resulting from this misinformation detract from the mission effectiveness of the aircraft. The torquemeter system of the CH-47C aircraft with the T55-L-11 engines is unsatisfactory for operational use, and correction is mandatory for successful accomplishment of the intended mission.

Cruise Guide Indicator System

- 51. The CGI system was installed for system evaluation purposes and was used as an aid in conducting the tests.
- 52. The CGI system monitors the axial loads on the fixed link and pivoting actuator in the aft rotor-fixed control system. These actuators are strain gaged to measure axial loads and transmit them to the CGI indicator in the cockpit. This reading indicates the most critical fatigue load as a percent of the endurance limit of the component. A representative response of the CGI system is presented in figure 78, appendix VI. The CGI system proved to be a reliable, accurate, and repeatable indication of flight loads. The use of the CGI system allowed an increase in airspeed by allowing the pilot to fly up to a 100-percent indication, which is the limit for continuous operation. The CGI system also provided a warning to the pilot to either decrease airspeed or reduce the severity of maneuvers to minimize loads in excess of the endurance limit of the aft dynamic components. This warning is especially helpful when operating in conditions of moderate-to-heavy turbulence. Under these conditions, loads in excess of 100 percent occur quite frequently, even though the aircraft is being operated well below the envelope restrictions. The CGI system enhances the operational capability of the helicopter and should be installed in present CH-47C helicopters and incorporated in future designs.

Cabin Noise Level and Vibration

- 53. Throughout the test program, qualitative noise level and vibration data were obtained. In general, high vibration levels were encountered. These vibration levels became increasingly severe with increasing airspeed. Although the cabin loadings were not configured to standard vibration test loading and load distribution, the qualitative comments correlate with vibration data contained in TM 55-1520-227-20 (ref 15, app 1). The vibration levels above 120 KIAS limited crewmember effectiveness and had a fatiguing effect when sustained over a period of time (such as a cross-country flight). Correction of the objectionable cargo compartment vibrations is desirable for improved operation and mission effectiveness.
- 54. The excessively high cabin noise levels in the CH-47C, previously reported in USAASTA Project No. 66-28 (refs 16 and 17, app 1), required all crewmembers to wear protective helmets or sound-attenuating aural protectors. Even with this equipment, prolonged exposure to the high noise-level environment of the CH-47C produced fatigue and discomfort which decreased the effectiveness of the crew. Correction of the objectionable cabin noise levels is desired for improved operation and mission effectiveness.

Maintenance

- 55. Several equipment improvement recommendations (EIR's) were submitted. Not shown in EIR's is the history of problems associated with test instrumentation installed in the #1 and #2 engine compartments. These problems were the result of the exposure of test instrumentation components to a high-vibration environment and were primarily associated with the #2 engine.
- 56. The high frequency of repair/replacement experience with components located in the engine compartment and associated power-train area is an indication that problem areas exist which merit further investigation. High frequency of repair increases the organizational and general support maintenance required for the helicopter, decreases the mission effectiveness of the aircraft, and represents a potential inflight hazard. An engine/airframe vibration and loads survey should be conducted at the earliest possible time. The vibration characteristics of the CH-47C are unsatisfactory for operational use, and correction is mandatory.

Pitot and Static System Calibration

57. Flight tests were conducted to determine the ship's system airspeed position error and to calibrate the boom airspeed system. Based on previous test programs using the same boom system, it was found that the position error remained the same whether the aircraft was in level flight, climb, or autorotation. Tests were conducted to determine the ship's system position error. The ground speed course, trailing bomb, and pacer methods of airspeed calibration were used for level flight. The trailing bomb method was used during climbing and descending flight.

- 58. The pitot and static system calibration data are presented in figures 80 and 81, appendix VI. Test results show that the ship's system airspeed position error varies from a maximum of 7.5 knots at 41 knots calibrated airspeed (KCAS) to a minimum of zero knots at 110 KCAS in balanced level flight. At airspeeds below 41 KCAS, the system was unreliable. During high rates of climb (2,000 ft/min or greater), the position error increased from zero at 50 KIAS to 5 knots at 90 KIAS. Rates of climb of less than 2,000 ft/min resulted in a maximum position error of 4 knots at 46 KIAS. High rates of descent (2,000 ft/min or greater) resulted in a maximum position error of from 21.4 knots at 43 KIAS to 1 knot at 100 KIAS. Rates of descent of less than 2,000 ft/min resulted in a maximum position error of 8.5 knots at 44 KIAS and 1 knot at 100 KIAS. Although the ship's system airspeed position error fails to meet the overall requirements of MIL-1-6115A (ref 7, app 1), the CH-47C system exhibits a marked improvement over the system used in the CH-47A and CH-47B and is satisfactory for operational use.
- 59. When cockpit vibration levels became moderately heavy, the airspeed indicator exhibited fluctuations of ± 3 knots which were annoying to the pilot and made precise airspeed control more difficult (HQRS 4). The fluctuations were at a frequency of approximately 3/rev. Correction of the indicator fluctuation is desirable for improved operation and mission capability.

CONCLUSIONS

GENERAL

- 60. Within the scope of this test, the CH-47C helicopter performance characteristics are suitable for the transport helicopter mission, provided the inaccurate engine torquemeter system and the high engine compartment vibration levels are corrected (paras 48 and 50).
- 61. The CH-47C helicopter met or exceeded all contractor guarantees (para 13).
- 62. The pitot and static systems of the helicopter exhibit a marked improvement over the system in the CH-47A and CH-47B (para 58).
- 63. The improved hover performance enhances the operational capability of the CH-47C (para 17).
- 64. The improved dual-engine climb performance, from SL to envelope ceiling at all gross weights, enhances the capability of the CH-47C for the transport mission (para 28).
- 65. The CGI system enhances the operational capability of the helicopter and should be installed in present CH-47C helicopters and incorporated in future designs (para 52).

DEFICIENCIES AND SHORTCOMINGS AFFECTING MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT

- 66. Correction of the following deficiencies is mandatory for successful accomplishment of the intended mission:
- a. Torquemeter system inaccuracies of up to 7 percent above actual torque values (para 49).
- b. High frequency of repair/replacement of components located in the engine compartment and associated power train area (para 56).
- 67. Correction of the following shortcomings is desirable for improved operation and mission capability:
- a. Objectionable cockpit vibration levels which limit maximum level-flight airspeed (para 32).
- b. Moderate pilot effort required to maintain optimum climb airspeeds (para 28).

- c. The 3/rev airspeed indicator needle oscillations at high power settings (para 59).
- d. Engine torque mismatch which results from adjusting rotor speed (para 44).
- e. Use of landing gear power steering control may be lost at gross weights below 30,000 pounds (para 42).
 - f. Objectionable cargo compartment vibration (para 53).
 - g. Objectionable noise levels (para 54).

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 68. The data presented in this report should be used to update the operator's manual.
- 69. The deficiencies should be corrected on a high-priority basis.
- 70. The shortcomings should be corrected at the earliest possible time.
- 71. The following items should be included in the CH-47C operator's manual:
- a. The recommended airspeed for maximum endurance should be established at 80 KIAS (para 33).
- b. The climb airspeed should be increased to 80 KIAS for night operations. (para 28).
- c. A discussion of the techniques used for takeoff when power available is insufficient to accomplish a vertical takeoff (para 19).
- d. The level acceleration type of takeoff should not be used when power available is insufficient to permit hovering with an aft wheel height of 10 feet (para 20).
- e. The technique of copilot monitoring and controlling the power parameters should be used during level-acceleration takeoffs (para 21).
- 72. An engine/airframe vibration and loads survey should be conducted at the earliest possible time (para 56).
- 73. Future tests should be conducted to define the heavy gross-weight autorotational characteristics (para 36).

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APPENDIX II. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CH-47C

GENERAL DIMENSIONS

Length (fuselage) 51 ft

Length (rotor blades turning) 99 ft

Height (over rotor blades at rest) 18 ft, 7.8 in.

Width of cabin 9 ft

Tread (forward gear) 10 ft, 6 in.

Tread (aft gear) 11 ft, 2 in.

Width (rotor blades turning) 60 ft

WEIGHT DATA

Empty weight (specification) 20,420 lb

Design gross weight 33,000 lb

Alternate design gross weight 46,000 lb

CENTER-OF-GRAVITY REFERENCE (figure 1)

Center-of-gravity reference FS 331.0

(centerline between rotors)

Forward limit (from cg reference) 30.0 in. forward

(28,500 lb and below)

Aft limit (from cg reference) 18.0 in. aft

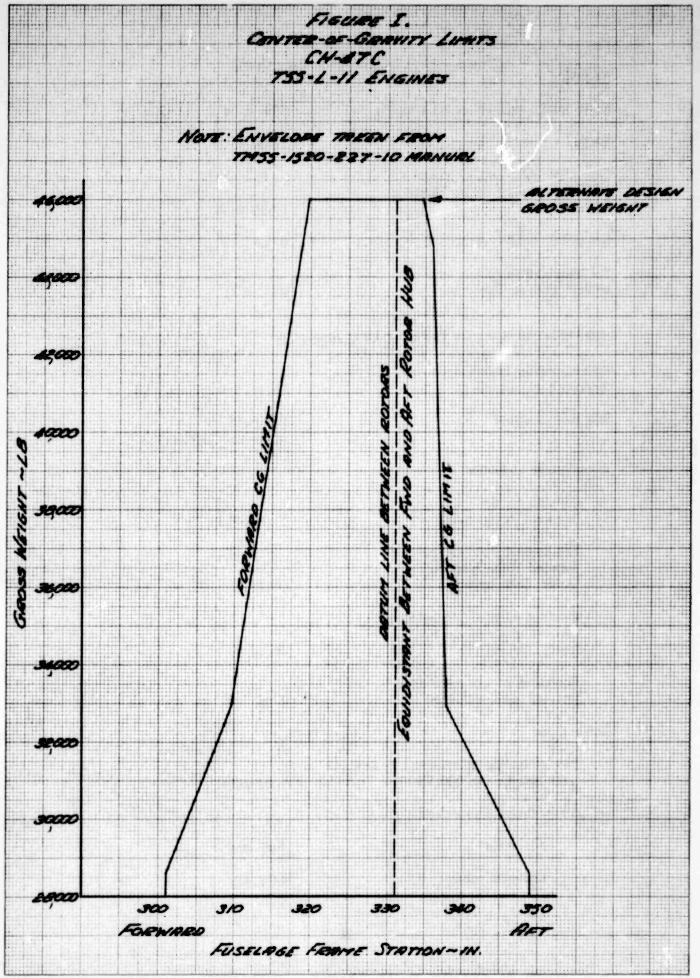
(28,500 lb and below)

T55-L-11 ENGINE RATINGS (SL, standard day)

Maximum power 3,750 shp

Military rated power 3,400 shp

Normal rated power 3,000 shp



AREAS

Rotor blade area (6 at 63.1 sq ft) 379 sq ft

Swept disc area 5,000 sq ft

Geometric disc area (2 rotors at 2,827 sq ft used in performance calculations)

5,655 sq ft

Geometric solidity ratio 0.067

Sail area (cross-section area of aircraft at butt line zero)

487 sq ft

DIMENSIONS AND GENERAL DATA (figure 11)

Rotor spacing (distance between centerline of rotors)

39 ft. 2 in.

Sail area centroid FS 367.5, water line 28.6

Rotor blade clearance:

Ground to tip (forward rotor static) 7 ft, 6.7 in.

Leading edge of aft pylon to forward rotor blade tip (rotor blade static) 16.7 in.

Leading edge of aft pylon to forward rotor blade tip (rotor turning) 40 in.

Elevation of aft rotor over forward rotor (at hub) 4 in.

Rotor data:

Power loading at alternate design gross weight (46,000/5,920) 7.76 lb/hp

Blade droop (stop angle):

Aft rotor 3.25 deg

Forward rotor 4.75 deg

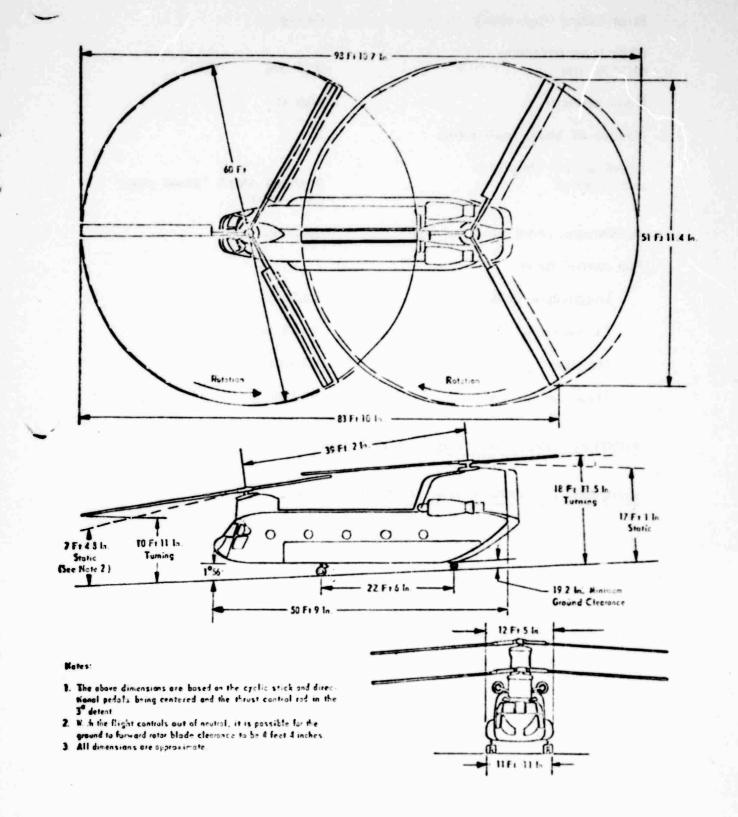


Figure II Overall dimensions

Blade coning (stop angle) 30 deg

Blade twist (centerline of rotor to tip) 9.23 deg

Rotor diameter 60.0 ft

Number of blades (each rotor) 3

Airfoil section designation

and thickness Modified AMES "droop snoot"

t/c = 0.10

Aerodynamic chord (root and tip) 25.25 in.

Full control travel:

Longitudinal cyclic ±6.5 in.

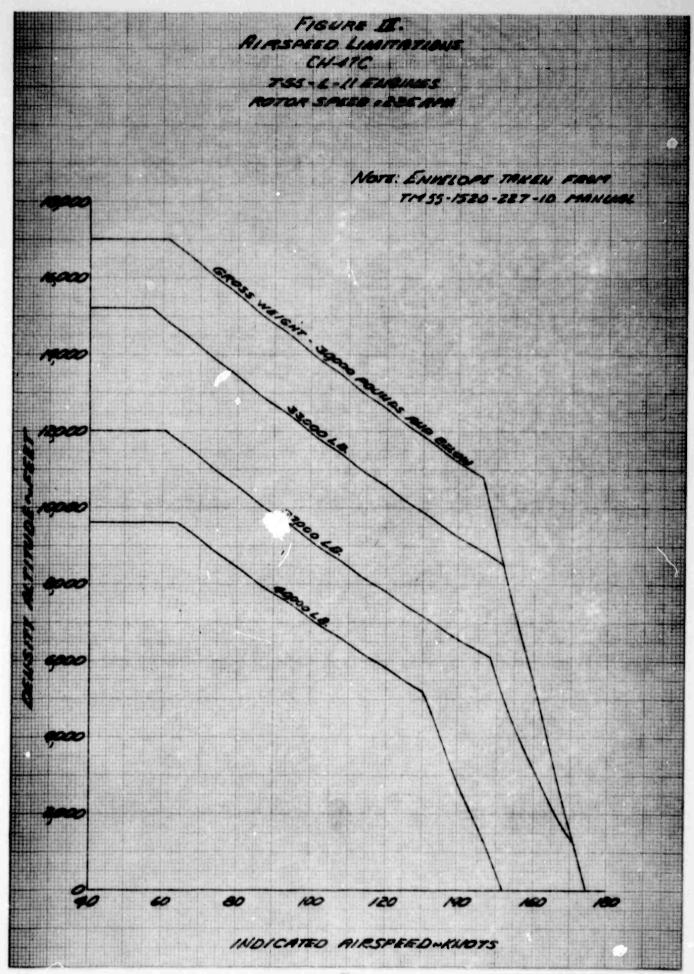
Lateral cyclic ±4.18 in.

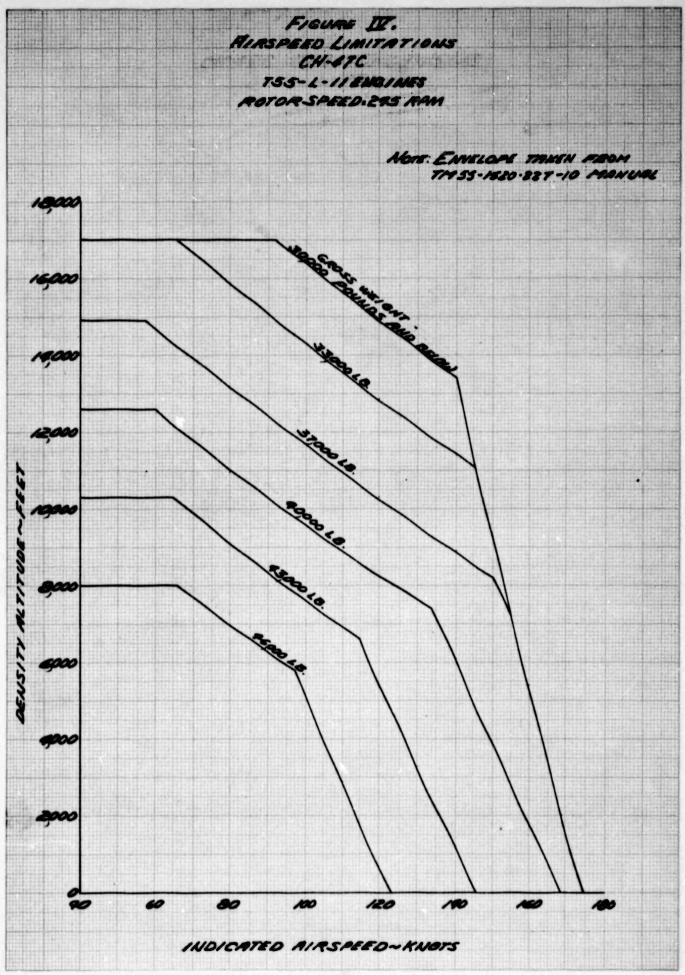
Directional pedal ±3.60 in.

Thrust control rod 9.12 in.

AIRSPEED LIMITATION FOR 235 RPM (figure III)

AIRSPEED LIMITATION FOR 245 RPM (figure IV)





APPENDIX III. TEST TECHNIQUES AND DATA ANALYSIS METHODS

GENERAL

- 1. The equations and analysis methods used to correct test-day conditions to US stamdard-day conditions are briefly described in this appendix.
- 2. The basic nondimensional helicopter equations were used and are defined as follows:

$$C_{\mathbf{P}} = \frac{\text{SHP x 550}}{\rho A (\Omega R)^3} \tag{1}$$

$$C_{T} = \frac{W}{\rho A (\Omega R)^{2}}$$
 (2)

$$M_{tip} = \frac{0.5925 \times \Omega R + V_{T}}{38.967 \times \sqrt{T}}$$
 (3)

where: C_p = Power coefficient

SHP = Engine output shaft horsepower

 $\rho = \text{Air density (slug/ft}^3)$

A = Total rotor geometric disc area (ft²)

 Ω = Rotor angular velocity (rad/sec)

R = Rotor radius (ft)

C_T = Thrust coefficient

W = Gross weight (lb)

 μ = Advance ratio

 V_T = True airspeed (kt)

M_{tin} = Advancing tip Mach number

T = Ambient temperature (K)

3. Significant compressibility effects are encountered at high M_{tip}. In order to best account for the effects of compressibility, the average tip Mach number, given by equation 4, should be held constant.

$$\left(\mathbf{M}_{tip}\right)_{avg} = K_1 \times R \times \frac{N_R}{\sqrt{\theta}} \tag{4}$$

where:
$$K_1 = \frac{0.5925}{38.967} \times \frac{2\pi}{60} \times \frac{1}{16.9706} = 9.3826 \times 10^{-5}$$

Therefore, equation 1 was redefined by noting that:

$$\rho = \rho \frac{\rho_0}{\rho_0} = \sigma \rho_0 = \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\theta}} \rho_0 \frac{\sqrt{\theta}}{\theta} = \rho_0 \frac{\delta\sqrt{\theta}}{\sqrt{\theta}^3}$$
 (5)

and:
$$\Omega R = \frac{2\pi}{60} \times N_R \times R$$
 (6)

where: $\rho_o = SL$, standard-day air density (slug/ft³)

 σ = Density ratio

 δ = Pressure ratio

 θ = Temperature ratio

 N_{R} = Rotor rotational speed (rpm)

Therefore, equation 1 becomes:

$$C_{\mathbf{P}} = \frac{\text{SHP}}{\delta\sqrt{9}} \times \frac{550}{\rho_o AR^3} \times \frac{1}{\left(\frac{2\pi}{60} \times \frac{N_R}{\sqrt{\theta}}\right)^3}$$
(7)

4. Using basic equations 2 and 3 and the above procedure:

$$C_{T} = \frac{W}{\delta} \times \frac{1}{\rho_{o} AR^{2}} \times \frac{1}{\left(\frac{2\pi}{60} \times \frac{N_{R}}{\sqrt{\theta}}\right)^{2}}$$
 (8)

and:
$$M_{tip} = K_1 \times R \times \frac{N_R}{\sqrt{\theta}} + K_2 \frac{V_T}{\sqrt{\theta}}$$
 (9)

where: $K_2 = \frac{1}{38.967} \times \frac{1}{16.9706} = 1.5122 \times 10^{-3}$

Power Determination

- 5. The method of determining engine output shaft horsepower from calibrated engine torquemeters was not used for this program. Previous tests on CH-47 helicopters have been plagued by torquemeter inconsistency and inaccuracy. For these tests, actual output shaft horsepower for the T55 engine was determined using measured fuel flow.
- 6. The fuel flow was recorded on an oscillograph from which the calculated flow rate was then referred to engine inlet conditions.

$$W_{f} = \frac{R \times (fuel \ spec) \times 3600}{K_{1}} = lb/hr$$
 (10)

and:

$$\left(\mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{f}}\right)_{\mathbf{referred}} = \frac{\mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{f}}}{\delta \sqrt{\theta_{\mathbf{i}}}}$$
 (11)

where: R = Number of blips per second from oscillograph

K₁ = Constant for converting blips to gallons

 δ = Inlet total pressure ratio

 $\sqrt{\theta_i}$ = Inlet total temperature ratio

7. From the Lycoming test stand engine calibration curve, referred shaft horsepower was found at the corresponding fuel flow. The actual shaft horsepower was determined by unreferring the referred shaft horsepower and applying corrections for ram effect and nonoptimum power turbine speed.

8. During the program, rotor torque was also recorded. Shaft horsepower was calculated as follows:

$$RHP = RT \times N_R \times K_1 \tag{12}$$

where: RT = Rotor torque from calibration (in.-lb)

 $N_{\mathbf{p}} = Rotor speed (rpm)$

$$K_1 = Constant = \frac{2\pi}{60 \times 12 \times 550}$$

Assumed constant transmission and accessory loss = 180 hp

Therefore:

$$SHP = RHP_{fwd rotor} + RHP_{aft rotor} + 180$$
 (13)

- 9. Comparison between the fuel flow and rotor torque calculated shaft horsepower revealed that inconsistencies existed during hover performance tests. The inconsistent power comparison was not large and, therefore, could not be detected during the level-flight performance test.
- 10. To reconcile these inconsistencies between fuel flow and rotor torque measured powers, the test engines were returned to Lycoming for recalibration to determine if a shift had occurred (which could account for the deviation between fuel flow and rotor torque calculated powers). Premature disassembly of one of the test engines prior to reaching Lycoming prevented its recalibration. However, the recalibration of the other engine did reveal a 2-percent shift which could modify the fuel-flow power so as to provide better correlation between the two data sources. Since the time period of the shift could not be specified, all performance data were determined from fuel flow and converted to standard-day conditions using the engine model specification.

HOVER

- 11. Hover performance was determined by using $Np \sqrt{\theta}$ as the test variable at each gross weight. The tethered hover technique was used, and limited free-flight hover data were gathered to substantiate the tethered hover technique of data gathering.
- 12. Cp versus CT at OGE hover was plotted for constant M_{tip} number. As the M_{tip} increased, compressibility effects were noted. Using OGE hover data, lines

of constant M_{tip} were drawn. These fairings were used to construct figure 12, appendix VI, with $CP_{compressible}$ - $CP_{incompressible}$ (ΔCP) as a function of M_{tip} and thrust coefficient. Compressibility effects were observed to begin at an M_{tip} of 0.563, or $Np\sqrt{\theta}$ of 200 rpm, and increase as CT and M_{tip} increased.

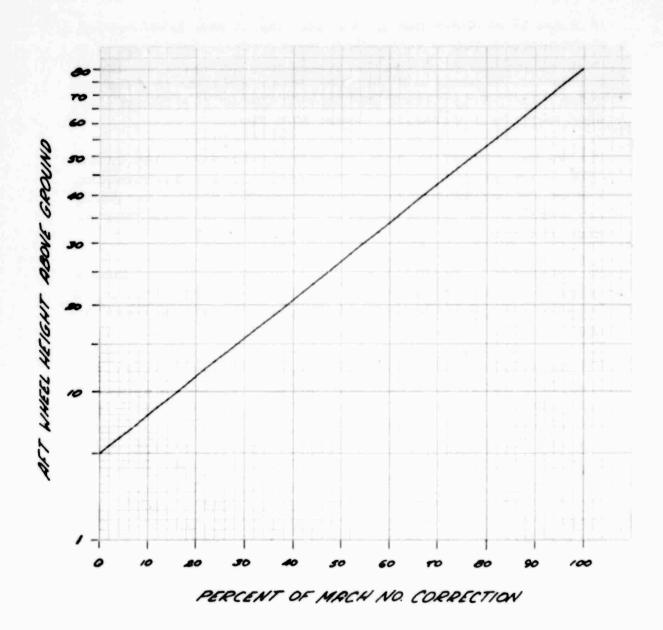
- 13. Cp versus CT at a 5-foot hover showed no compressibility effects, regardless of M_{tip} or CT. As the hover height increased, compressibility effects became more pronounced.
- 14. Figure AA was derived from the assumption that as wheel height increased, an increasing percentage of compressibility power increment should be applied to the incompressible power. A logarithmic variation was made based on zero percent at 5 feet and 100 percent at 80 feet (approximately OGE). This percentage was applied to the correction obtained from figure 12, appendix VI, at the appropriate wheel heights for presenting incompressible hover data.
- 15. Comparison of the SL hover data with the data from a high altitude (9500 feet) revealed that some inconsistencies existed. To resolve the discrepancies, a review of all previous hover data gathered on the CH-47B (same rotor system) was conducted, and the test engines were returned to the manufacturer for recalibration (para 10).
- 16. Examination of the CH-47B (ref 17, app 1) hover data did not exclusively validate either the CH-47C A&FC SL or high-altitude data. However, its "incompressible" performance level coincides more closely with the CH-47C SL data.
- 17. The anomalies of the hover data have required that judgment-biased fairings be applied to all the CH-47C hover data. These results are presented in figures 1 through 11, appendix VI. It should be noted that either this approach or an approach based on statistical fairings of all CH-47B/C data will indicate performance in excess of the contractor's guarantees. Further testing and/or analysis is required to resolve measured discrepencies in the CH-47 hover performance.
- 18. The summary hovering performance (figs. 1 through 4, app VI) was calculated using the nondimensional hovering curves and the power-available curve shown in figures 48 and 51.

FIGURE AA.

PERCENT OF MACH NO CORRECTION
US

AFT WHEEL HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND

CH-87C USA NA 68-15859



Takeoff

- 19. Takeoff tests were conducted to determine takeoff performance using the level acceleration technique. Takeoffs were initiated from a hover using a 10-foot wheel height as a reference for power required. Maximum power was applied during the acceleration from hover and maintained until a 100-foot obstacle was cleared. Rotation to climb attitude was initiated approximately 5 knots below climbout airspeed.
- 20. A series of takeoffs were flown to provide a range of Δ Cp where Δ Cp is defined as the difference between the test maximum power available (Cp aval) at test ambient conditions and the power required (Cp rqrd) to hover at 10 feet (Δ Cp = Cp aval Cp rqrd). Gross weight was varied depending on atmospheric conditions to obtain a range of Δ Cp values. A Fairchild Flight Analyzer camera was used to obtain a graphical time history of each takeoff. True ground speed, height, and horizontal distance were measured from the time histories, and the true climbout airspeed was derived.
- 21. For each Δ Cp, a plot of horizontal distance to clear a 100-foot obstacle versus true climbout airspeed was constructed. The plots for the various Δ Cp's were made into a carpet plot which relates the takeoff performance of the aircraft. The carpet plot can then be used to determine the best climbout airspeed with a corresponding distance required to clear a 100-foot obstacle using the level acceleration technique. Also, takeoffs were constructed as a function of thrust coefficient as related to Δ Cp.

Climbe

- 22. All climbs were performed at the best climb airspeed which was determined from level-flight performance data. Best climb airspeed was assumed to be the airspeed for minimum power required in level flight.
- 23. Sawtooth climbs were flown to determine the power correction coefficient (K_p) and weight correction coefficient (K_w). In climbs to service ceiling, K_p and K_w were used to determine the corrections to rate of climb caused by the differences in shaft horsepower and in gross weight, respectively, between test and standard conditions. These differences occur when the power and fuel consumption of an installed test engine for test-day conditions are corrected to an engine model specification for standard-day conditions.

24. During the data reduction phase of the program, it was found that for light, gross weight and high rates of climb (greater than 1100 ft/min), Kp appeared not to be a constant. The power correction for climbs (fig. BB) was obtained from figure 24, appendix VI, for rates of climb below 1400 ft/min. The dashed portion of the curve in figure BB was derived from the tapeline rate-of-climb data obtained from the lightweight climb. It was assumed that:

$$R/C_{t} \cong R/C_{max} \tag{14}$$

where: $R/C_{max} = K_p \times \frac{\Delta SHP}{W_s} \times 33,000$

and: $\Delta SHP = SHP_{aval} - SHP_{rqrd}$ for level flight

This assumption was based on the fact that R/C_t is much greater than either $\Delta R/C_p$ or $\Delta R/C_w$ in the equation:

$$R/C_{s} = R/C_{t} + \Delta R/C_{p} + \Delta R/C_{w}$$
 (15)

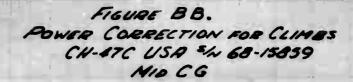
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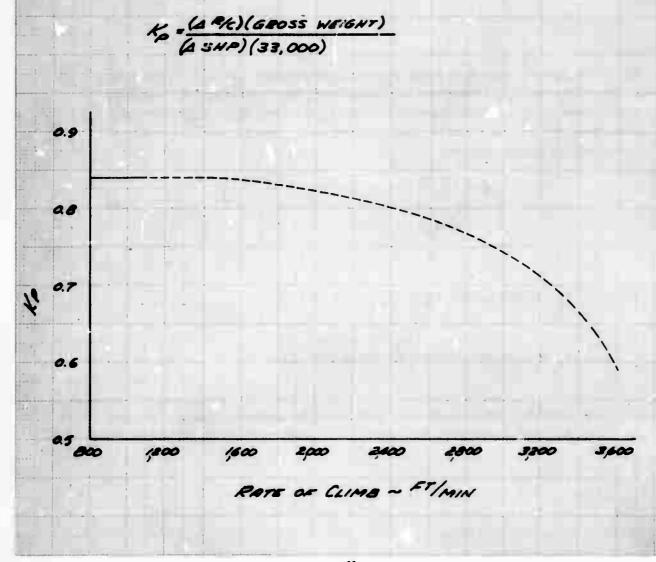
 $R/C_s \cong R/C_t$

where: $R/C_s = R/C_{max}$

Then:
$$R/C_t \cong K_p \times \frac{\Delta SHP}{W_s} \times 33,000$$
 (16)

This equation can be solved for K_p . Figure BB shows that K_p is a function of rates of climb and cannot be verified by the limited sawtooth climb data at light weights. Future tests should be conducted at light weights (26,000 lb) and high rates of climb (2000 ft/min or greater) to establish maximum climb capabili v.





25. The equations used for power and weight corrections are as follows:

$$\Delta R/C_p = K_p \times \frac{\Delta SHP}{W} \times 33,000 \tag{17}$$

$$\Delta R/C_w = K_w \times SHP_S \times 33,000 \left(\frac{1}{W_S} - \frac{1}{W_t}\right)$$
 (18)

where: Δ SHP = Standard-day shaft horsepower available as defined in the engine model specification minus test measured shaft horsepower

W, = Test gross weight

SHP_s = Standard-day shaft horsepower available as defined in the engine model specification

W_s = Standard gross weight

26. Continuous climbs were conducted to service ceilings or to a 15,000-foot pressure altitude (Hp), whichever was reached first. The 15,000-foot Hp limitation was imposed because of the possibility of the flight control hydraulic boost pump cavitating. The indicated rate of climb (dHp/dt) was corrected to tapeline rate of climb (R/Ct) by the equation:

$$R/C_{t} = \left(\frac{dH_{p}}{dt}\right)\left(\frac{T_{a_{t}}}{T_{a_{s}}}\right) \tag{19}$$

where: $T_{a_t} = 7 \text{ st}$ ambient air temperature (°K)

 $T_{a_s} = Standard$ ambient air temperature (°K)

27. The standard rate of climb was determined by correcting the tapeline rate of climb for shaft horsepower and gross weight differences using equations 17 and 18.

Therefore:

$$R/C_{s} = R/C_{t} + \Delta R/C_{p} + \Delta R/C_{w}$$
 (20)

LEVEL FLIGHT

- 28. Level flight speed-power performance was determined using equations 7 and 9. Each speed-power polar was flown maintaining a constant referred gross weight (W/δ) and referred rotor speed $(NR/\sqrt{\theta})$. A constant W/δ was maintained by decreasing ambient pressure ratio (δ) as the aircraft gross weight decreased due to fuel burnoff. Rotor speed was also varied to maintain a constant $NR/\sqrt{\theta}$ as the outside air temperature varied.
- 29. The raw data were reduced to referred terms: $SHP_t/\delta\sqrt{\theta}$, $V_T/\sqrt{\theta}$, W/δ , and $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$. Each point was then corrected to unaccelerated flight, zero rate of climb, aim W/δ , aim $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$, and equivalent flat plate area due to nonproduction aircraft configuration. These corrections are defined as follows:
 - a. Acceleration-Deceleration Correction.

$$F = ma (21)$$

where: F = Force

m = Mass (W/g)

a = Acceleration $(\Delta V_T/\Delta t)$

$$\Delta F = \frac{W}{g} \times \frac{\Delta V_T}{\Delta t} \times 1.6889 \tag{22}$$

where: $g = 32.174 \text{ ft/sec}^2$

$$\Delta F \times V_{T} = \frac{W}{g} \times \frac{\Delta V_{T}}{\Delta t} \times V_{T} \times 1.6889^{2}$$
 (23)

$$\Delta SHP = \frac{W}{g} \times \frac{\Delta V_T}{\Delta t} \times V_T \times K$$
 (24)

where: K = Constant to convert units to shaft horsepower

$$\frac{\Delta SHP}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}} = \frac{1}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}} \times \frac{\sqrt{\theta}}{\sqrt{\theta}} \times W \times \frac{\Delta V_T}{\Delta t} \times V_T \times K_1$$
 (25)

where:
$$K_1 = \frac{1.6889^2}{32.174 \times 33,000} = 2.6865 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\frac{\Delta SHP}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}} = \frac{W}{\delta} \times \frac{V_T}{\sqrt{\theta}} \times \frac{V_T}{\sqrt{\theta}} \times \frac{\sqrt{\theta}}{\Delta t} \times K_1$$
 (26)

or:
$$\frac{\Delta SHP}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}} = \frac{W}{\delta} \times \frac{\Delta V_{T}/\sqrt{\theta}}{\Delta t} \times \frac{V_{T}}{\sqrt{\theta}} \times \sqrt{\theta} \times K_{1}$$
 (27)

where:
$$\frac{\Delta SHP}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}}$$
 = Referred shaft horsepower correction (shp)

$$\frac{W}{\delta}$$
 = Referred test gross weight (lb)

$$\frac{\Delta V_{T} / \sqrt{\theta}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\text{Change in referred true airspeed per unit change of time (kt/sec)}}{(kt/sec)}$$

$$\frac{V_T}{\sqrt{A}}$$
 = Referred true airspeed (kt/sec)

A plot of $VT/\sqrt{\theta}$ versus time was constructed, and a line was faired through the points. At a selected $VT/\sqrt{\theta}$, the slope $\Delta VT/\sqrt{\theta} \div \Delta t$ was determined. By using the value of $\Delta VT/\sqrt{\theta} \div \Delta t$ and the selected $VT/\sqrt{\theta}$ in equation 27, the difference in $SHP/\delta\sqrt{\theta}$ was computed for unaccelerated flight.

b. Rate-of-Climb or Rate-of-Descent Correction.

From equation 17:

$$\Delta R/C_p = K_p x \frac{\Delta SHP}{W_t} \quad x \quad 33,000$$
 (28)

$$\Delta SHP = \frac{\Delta R/C_p x W_t}{K_p x 33,000}$$
 (29)

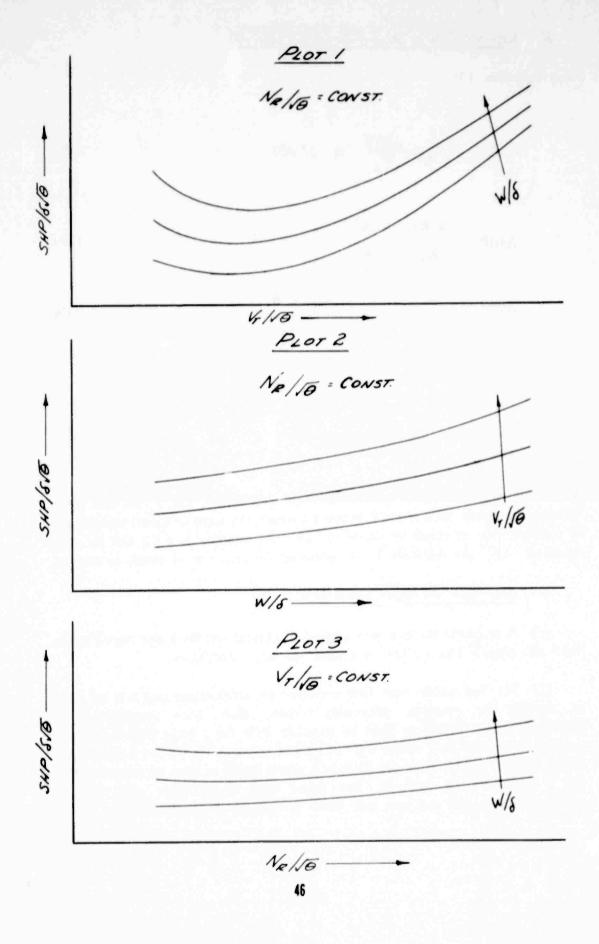
$$\frac{\Delta \text{SHP}}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}} = \frac{1}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}} \times \frac{\Delta R/C \times W_t}{K_p \times 33,000}$$
 (30)

$$\frac{\Delta SHP}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}} = \frac{\frac{\Delta R/C}{\sqrt{\theta}} \times \frac{W_t}{\delta}}{K_p \times 33,000}$$
(31)

A plot of pressure altitude versus time was constructed, and a line was faired through the points. At a selected pressure altitude, the slope (dH_p/dt) was changed to tapeline rate of climb by equation 19. By referring Δ R/Ct and by using equation 31, the $\Delta SHP/\delta\sqrt{\theta}$ was obtained for zero rate of climb or descent.

c. Aim W_t/δ and $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$ Correction.

- (1) A graphical solution was applied to correct test W_t/δ and $Np\sqrt{\theta}$ to aim W_t/δ and $Np\sqrt{\theta}$ This method is invalid for large corrections.
- (2) The test points were first corrected for acceleration and rate of climb or descent as described previously. Then, plots were constructed for SHP/ $\delta\sqrt{\theta}$ versus $VT/\sqrt{\theta}$ at lines of constant W_t/δ for a given $NP/\sqrt{\theta}$ (plot 1); next, plots for SHP/ $\delta\sqrt{\theta}$ versus W_t/δ at lines of constant $VT/\sqrt{\theta}$ for a given $N/\sqrt{\theta}$ (plot 2); and finally, plots for SHP/ $\delta\sqrt{\theta}$ versus $NP/\sqrt{\theta}$ at lines of constant W_t/δ for a given $VT/\sqrt{\theta}$ (plot 3). The faired lines of all three plots may be cross-referenced. The last plot will show the effects of compressibility.



- (3) At the aim W/δ , enter plot 1 and find the slope $(\Delta SHP/\delta\sqrt{\theta} \div \Delta W/\delta)$ at each $V_T/\sqrt{\theta}$. Construct a plot of $\Delta SHP/\delta\sqrt{\theta} \div \Delta W/\delta$ versus $V_T/\sqrt{\theta}$. At the test $V_T/\sqrt{\theta}$, find the corresponding $\Delta SHP/\delta\sqrt{\theta} \div \Delta W/\delta$, which, in turn, is multiplied by the difference of test to aim W/δ . The resultant $\Delta SHP/\delta\sqrt{\theta}$ is the W/δ correction.
- (4) The same procedure is used to solve for the $\Delta SHP/\delta\sqrt{\theta}$ for a $\Delta NR/\sqrt{\theta}$. Plot 3 is used, and a plot of $\Delta SHP/\delta\sqrt{\theta} \div \Delta NR/\sqrt{\theta}$ versus $VT/\sqrt{\theta}$ is constructed.
 - d. Equivalent Flat Plate Area Correction.
- (1) The incremental power required due to an aircraft configuration change is calculated using the following equation:

$$\frac{\Delta SHP}{\delta \sqrt{\theta}} = K \times F_e \times \left(\frac{V_T}{\sqrt{\theta}}\right)^3 \tag{32}$$

where: $F_e = C_D x A$ for the nonstandard equipment as determined experimentally (ft²)

and: $C_D = \text{Coefficient of drag}$

A = Area

 $\frac{V_T}{\sqrt{\theta}}$ = Referred true airspeed (kt)

K = Constant to convert units to shaft horsepower

(2) During the CH-47C A&FC test program, an equivalent flat plate area of 2.1 square feet was used to correct for the rotor torque strain gages on two of the rotor heads and the test boom system used for test airspeed and altitude instruments. This figure was based on Boeing-Vertol's calculations and modified for the smaller boom system used during this test program.

APPENDIX IV. TEST INSTRUMENTATION

The following instrumentation were installed in the test helicopter:

PILOT PANEL

Boom airspeed Sensitive rotor speed Sensitive boom altimeter Rate-of-climb indicator Cruise guide indicator Photopanel event switch Record light

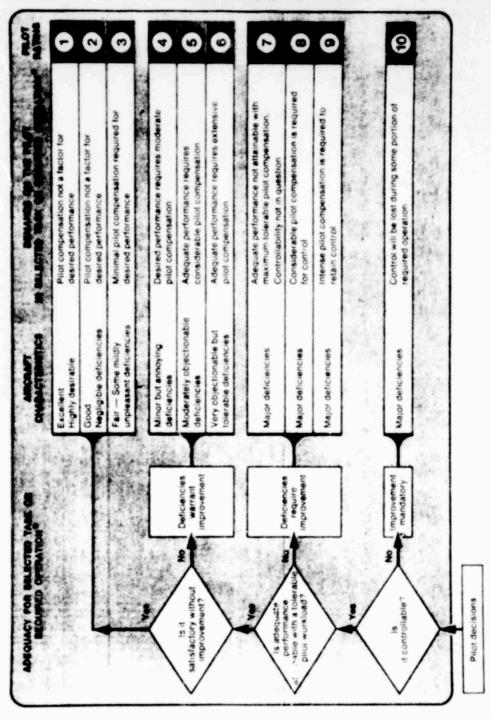
PHOTOPANEL

Boom airspeed Ship's system airspeed Boom altimeter Ship's system altimeter Sensitive rotor speed Gas producer speed, N1 (both engines) Compressor inlet temperature Free air temperature Rate-of-clinib indicator Fuel-flow stepper motor (both engines) Fuel totalizer (both engines) Power turbine inlet temperature (both engines) Torque (both engines) Fuel temperature (both engines) Load cell indicator Time of day Hayden timer Correlation counter Camera counter Oscillograph counter Event light

OSCILLOGRAPH

Rotor speed (blip)
Engine fuel flow (cycles) (both engines)
Rotor torque (both rotors)
Pilot event
Engineer event
Gas producer speed, N₁ (both engines)
Cruise guide indicator
Aft pivoting link actuator
Aft fixed-link actuator
Inlet guide vane
Gas producer arm (both engines)
Camera blip

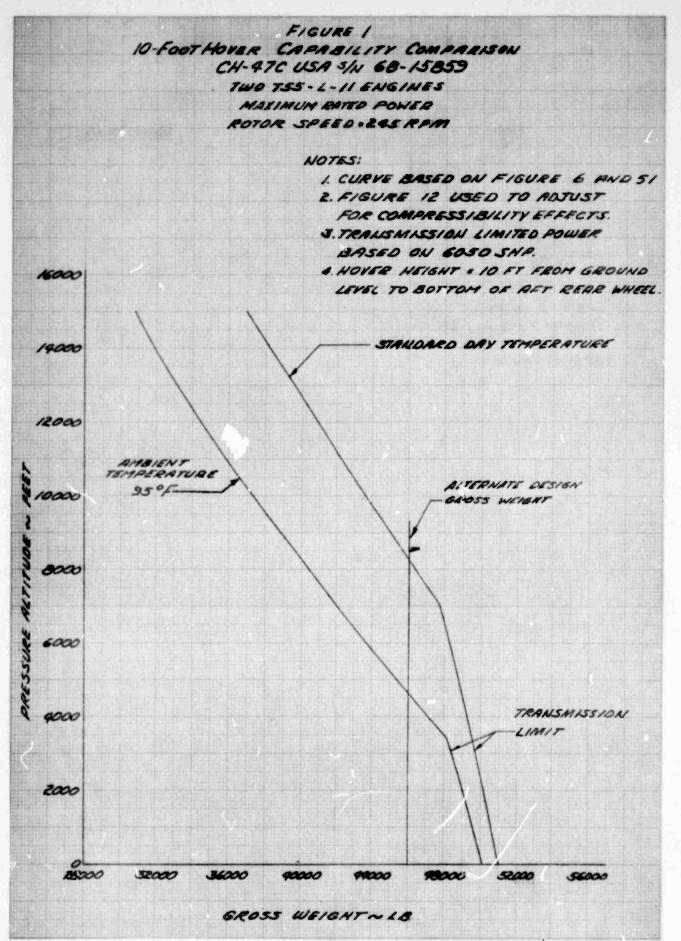
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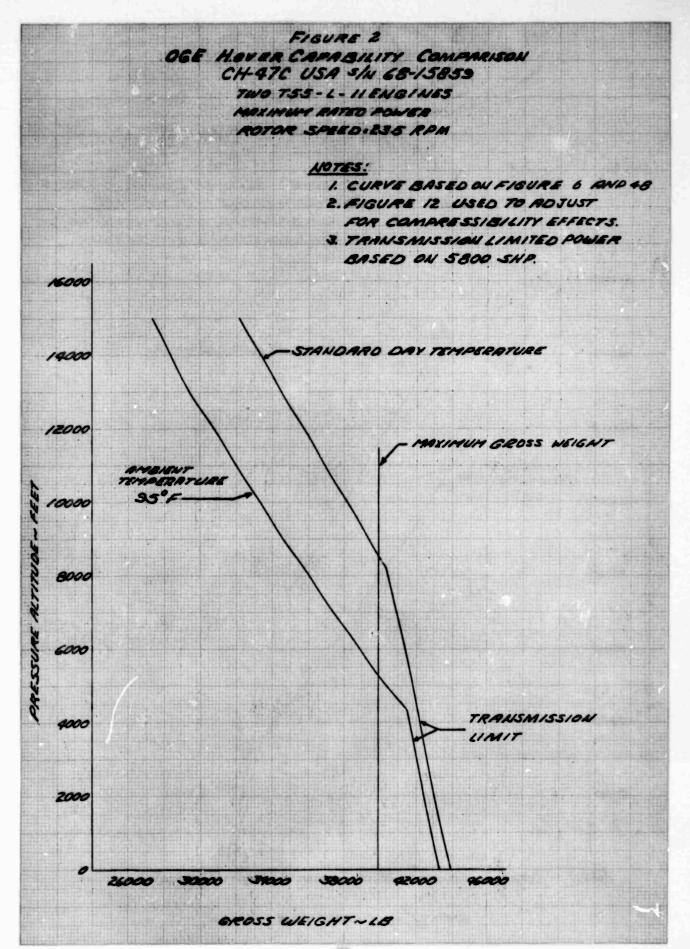


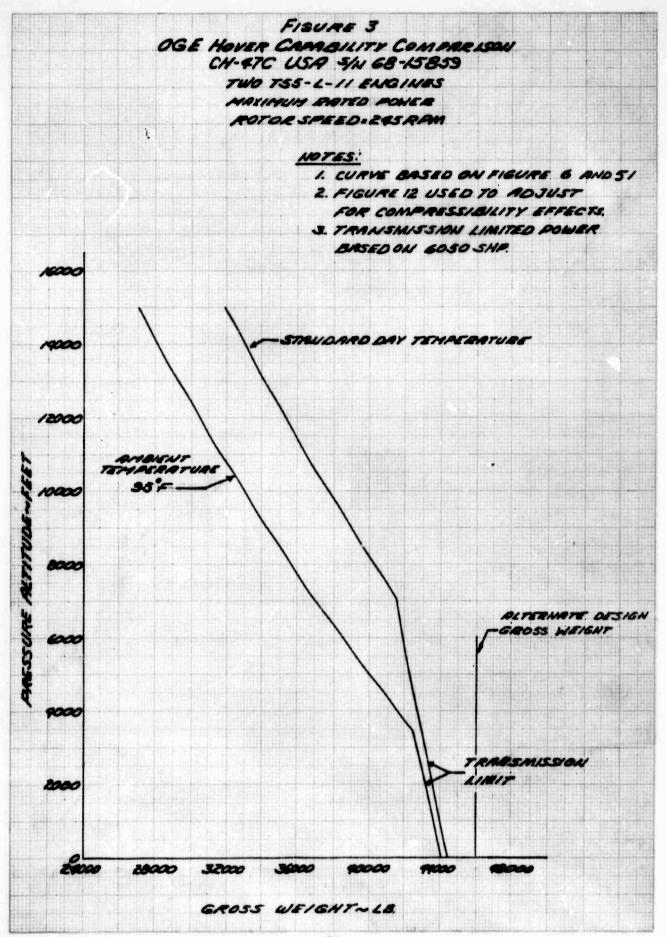
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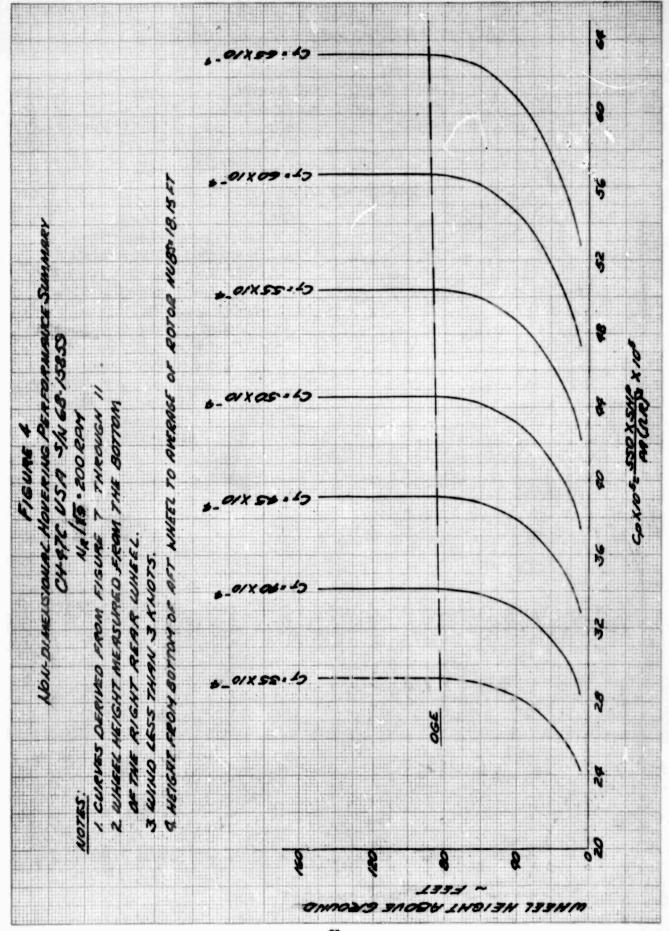
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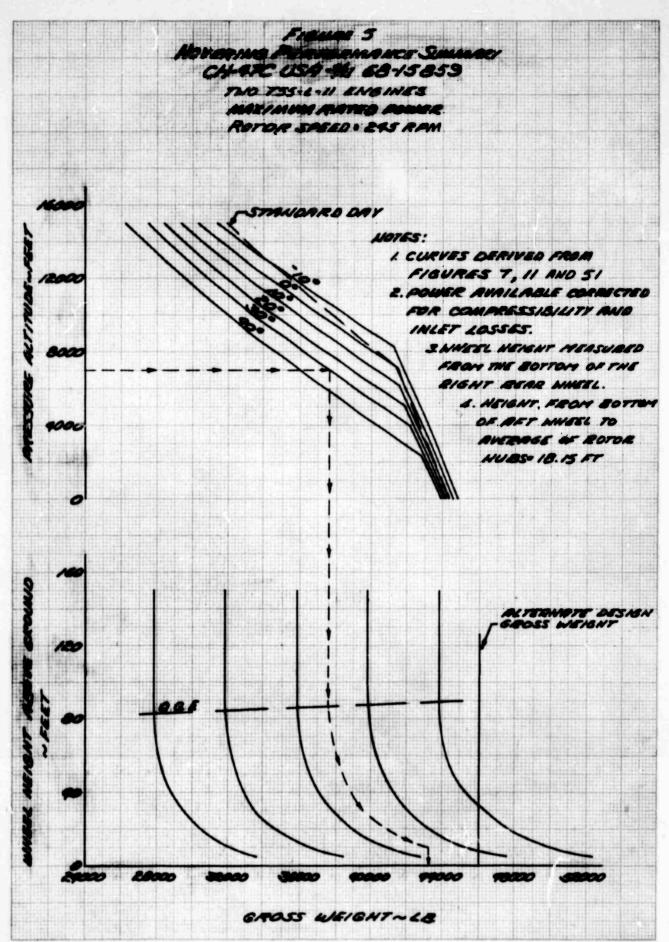
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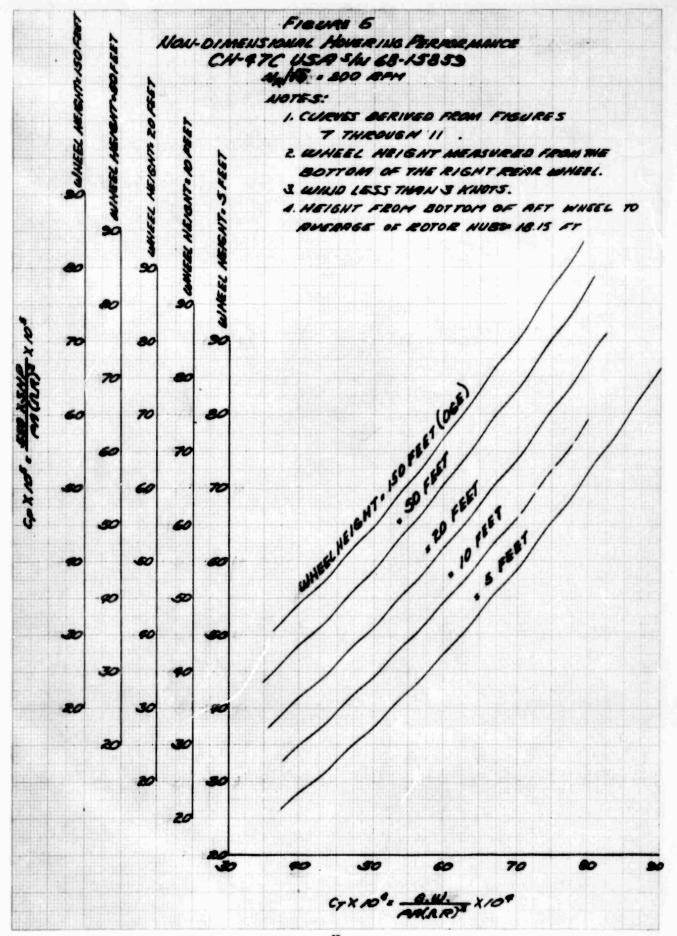












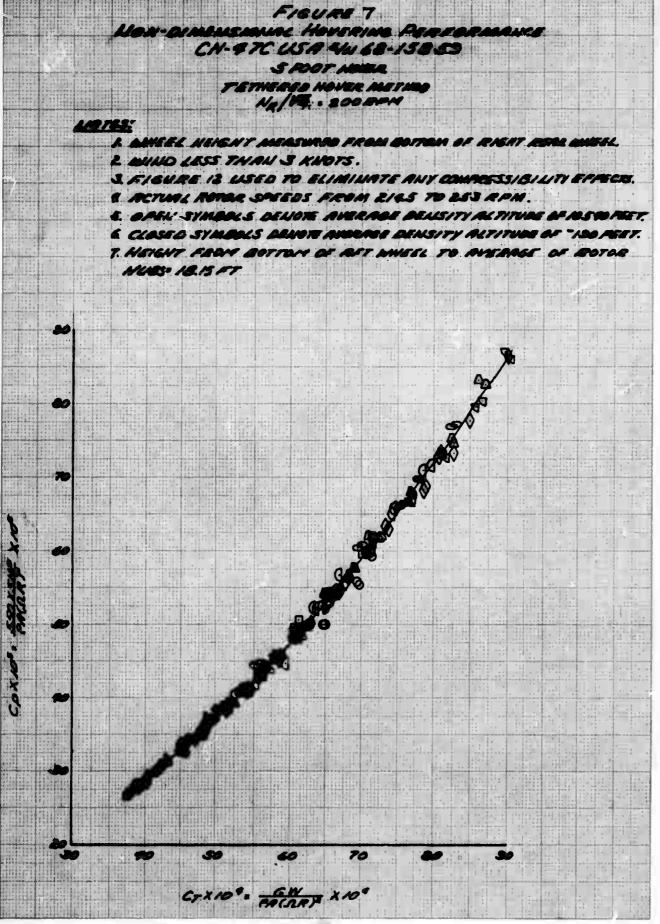


FIGURE B Now-DIMENSIONAL HOVERING PERFORMANCE CH 97C USA 4N 68-15859 NO FOOT HOURE

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NOTES:

- I WHEEL HEIGHT MERSURED FROM BOTTOM OF RIGHT MERK WHEEL.
- 2. WIND LESS THAN 3 KNOTS.
- 3. FIGURE 12 USED TO ELIMINATE ANY COMPRESSIBILITY EFFECTS.
- A ACTUAL ROTOR SPEEDS FROM 227 TO 251.5 RPM.
- S. OPEN SYMBOLS DENOTE AVERAGE DENSITY ALTITUDE OF "290 ASET
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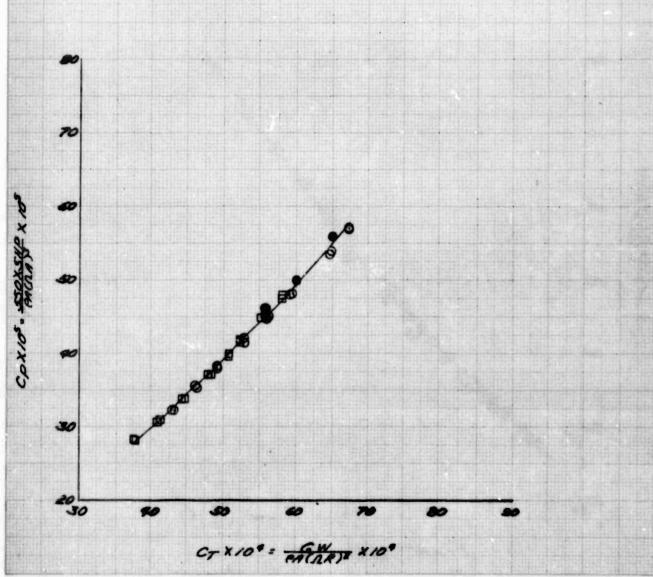


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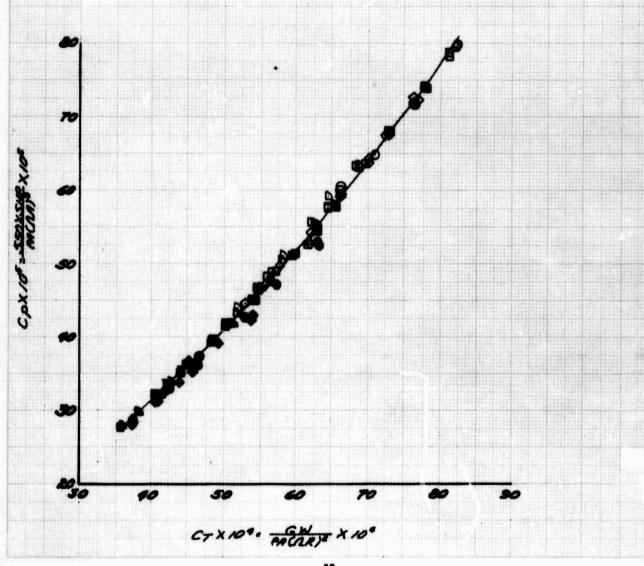


FIGURE 10 NON-DIMENSIONAL HOUSEINS PERFORMANCE CH-47C USA Spi68-15853 SO FOOT MOVER TETHERSO MOVER MEMBO No 188 - 200 RPM

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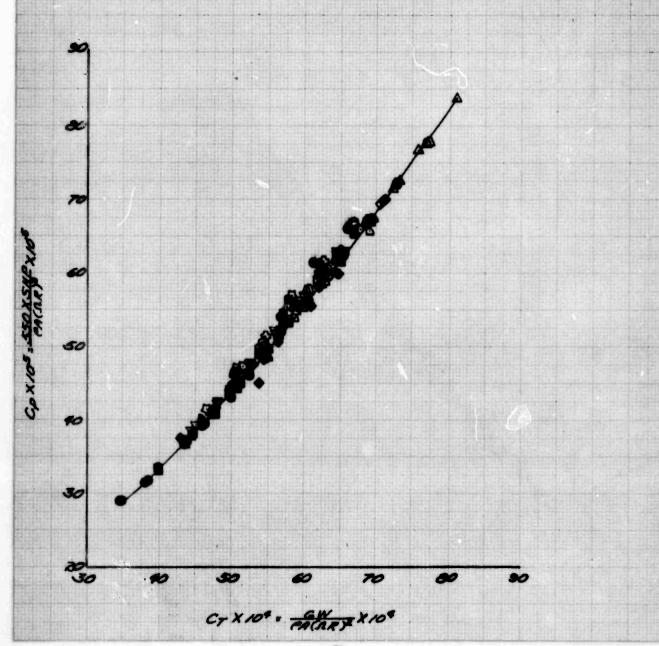
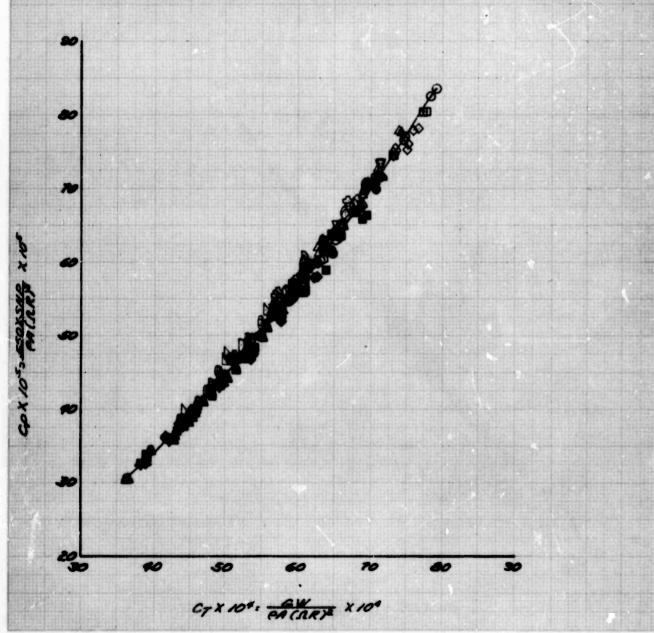
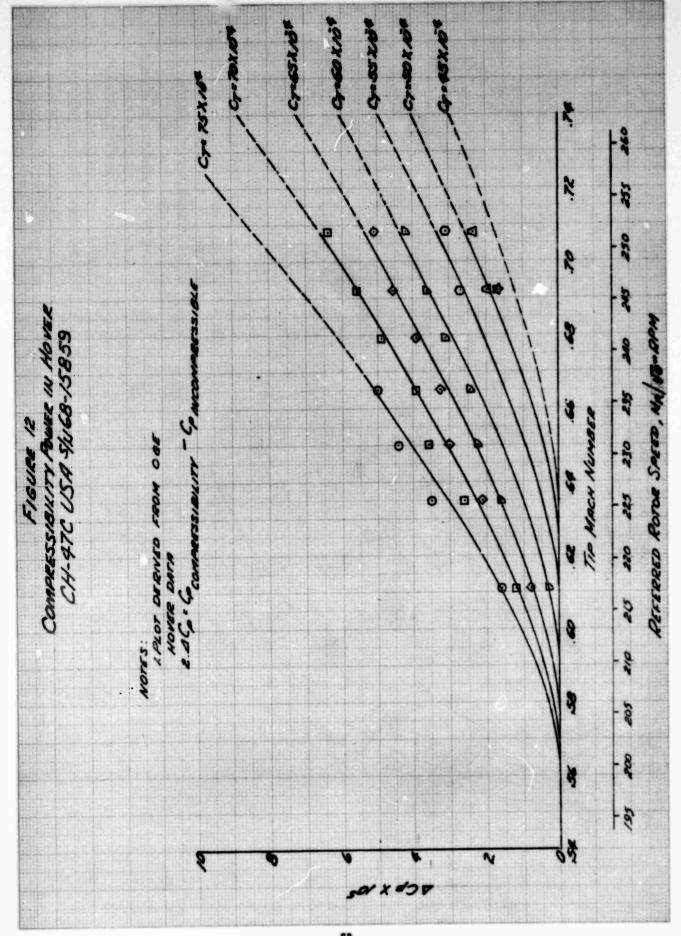


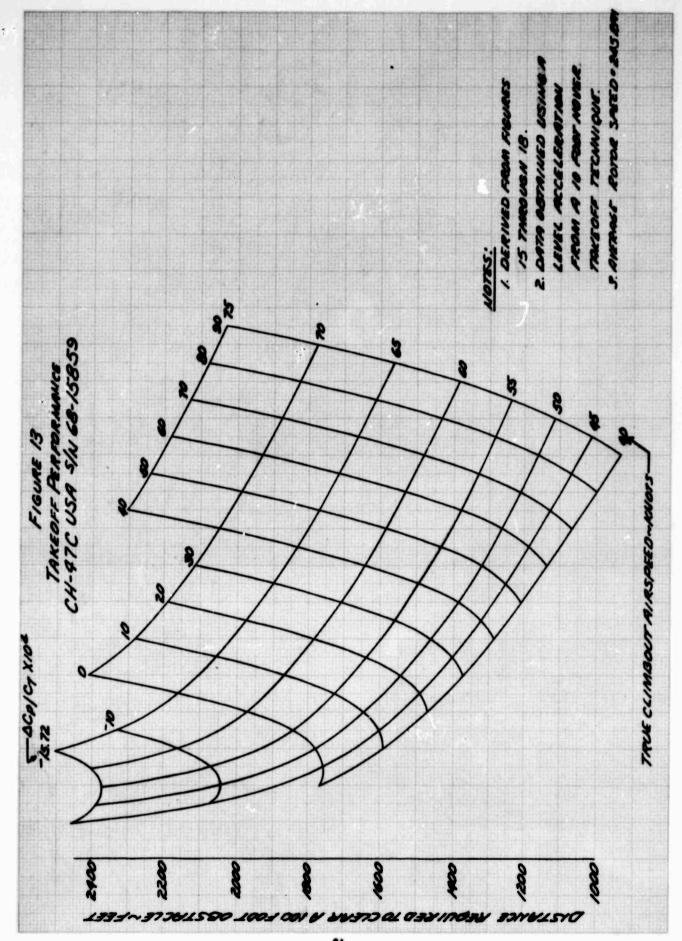
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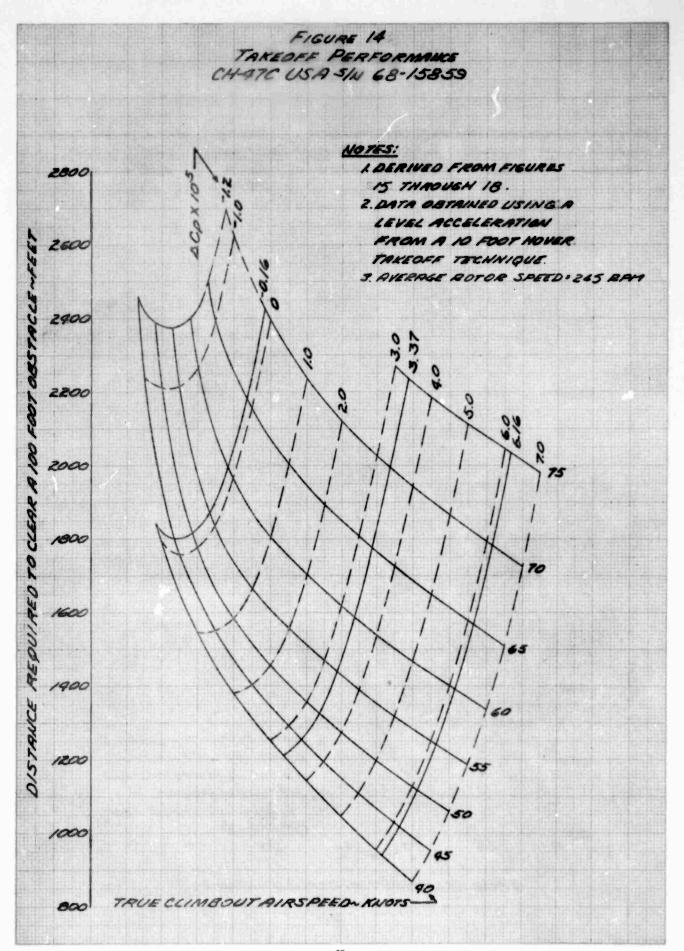
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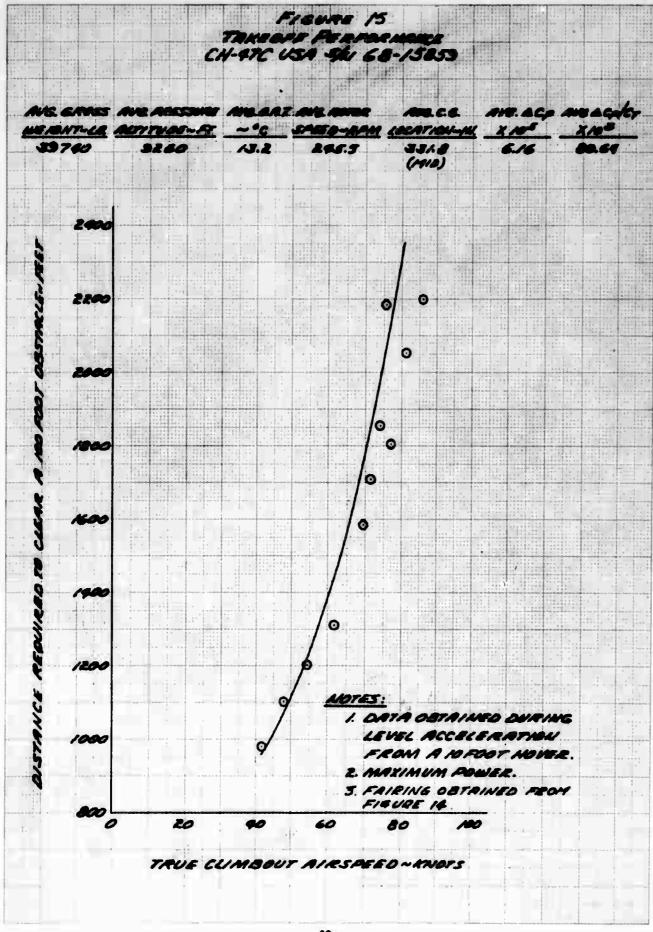
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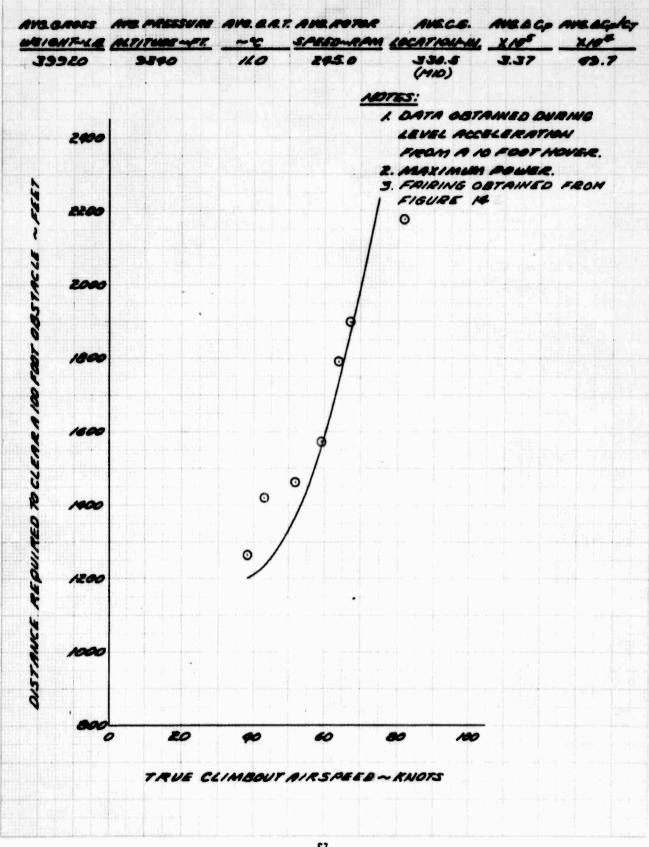


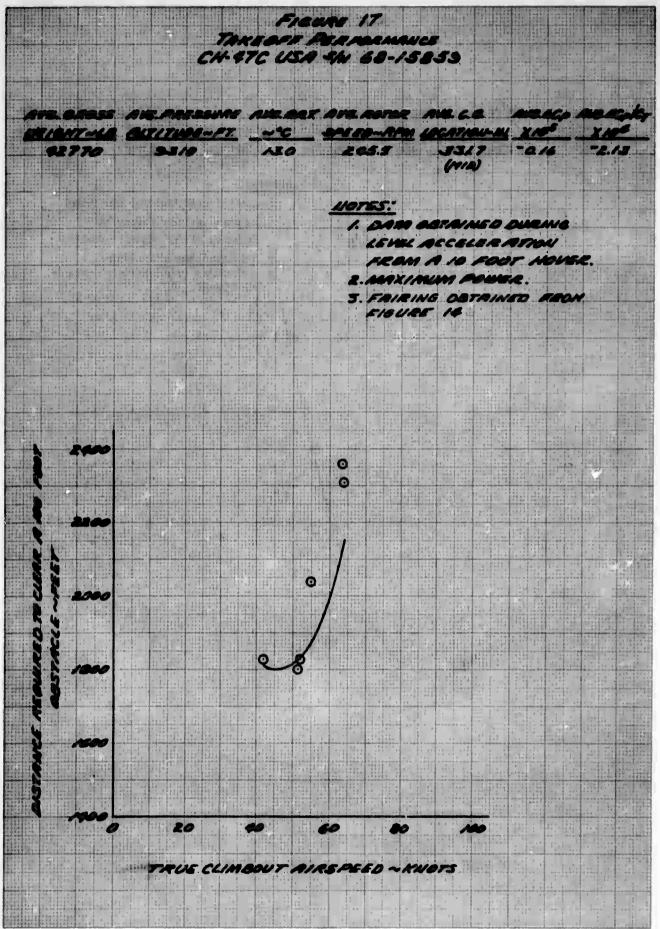




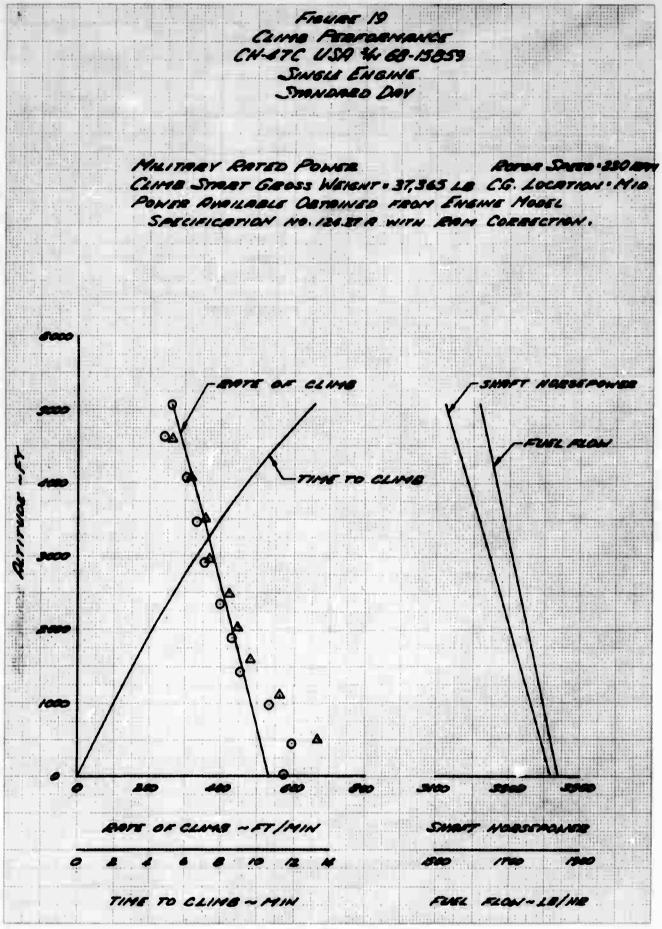


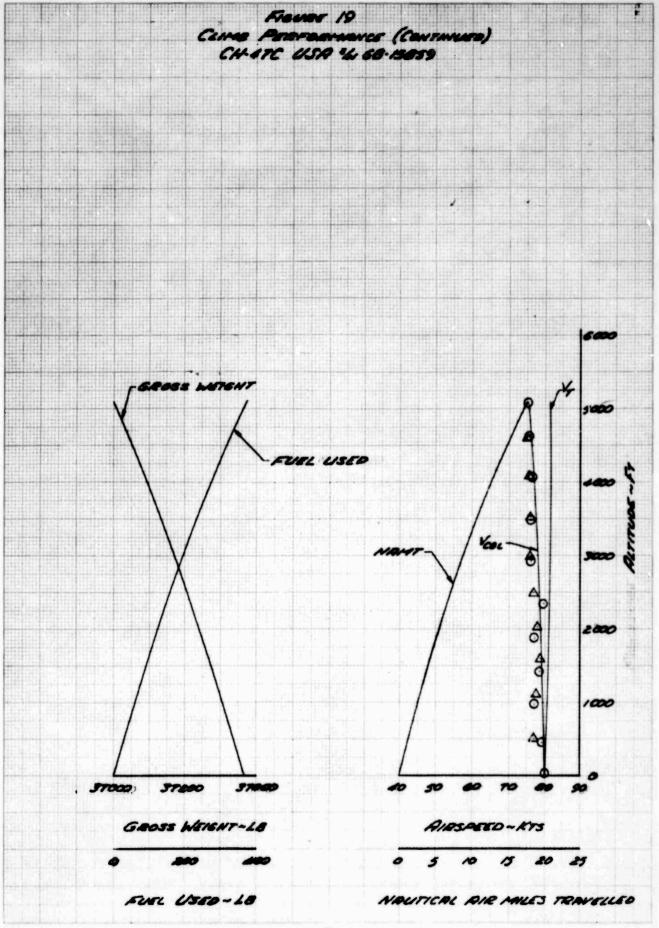
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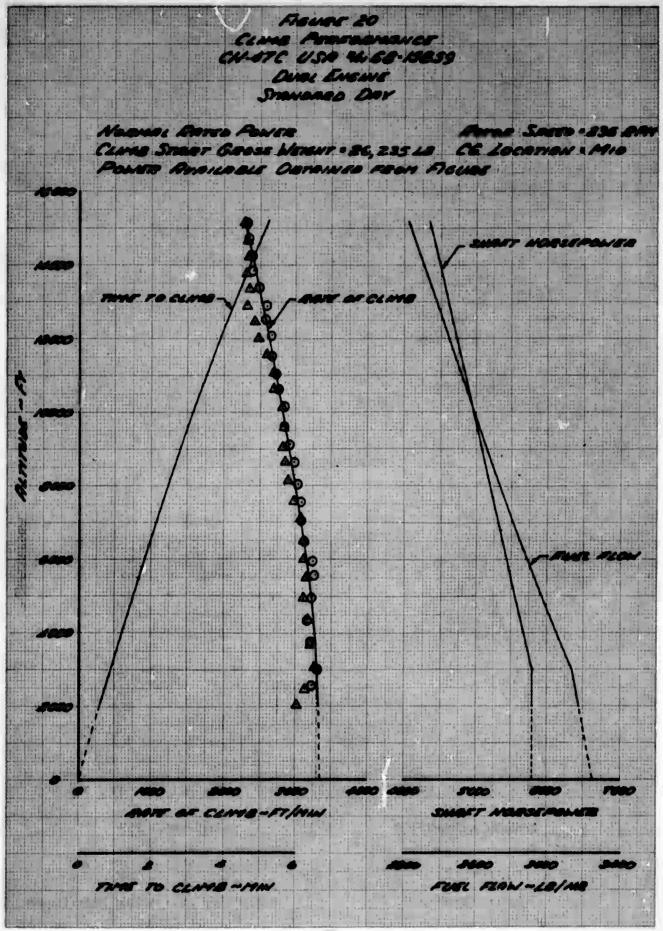


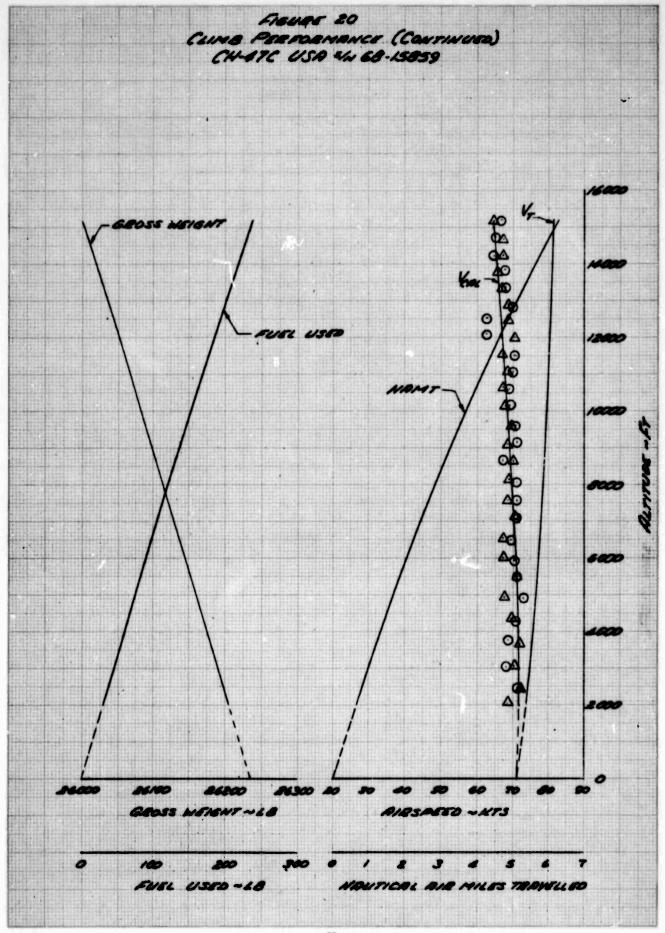


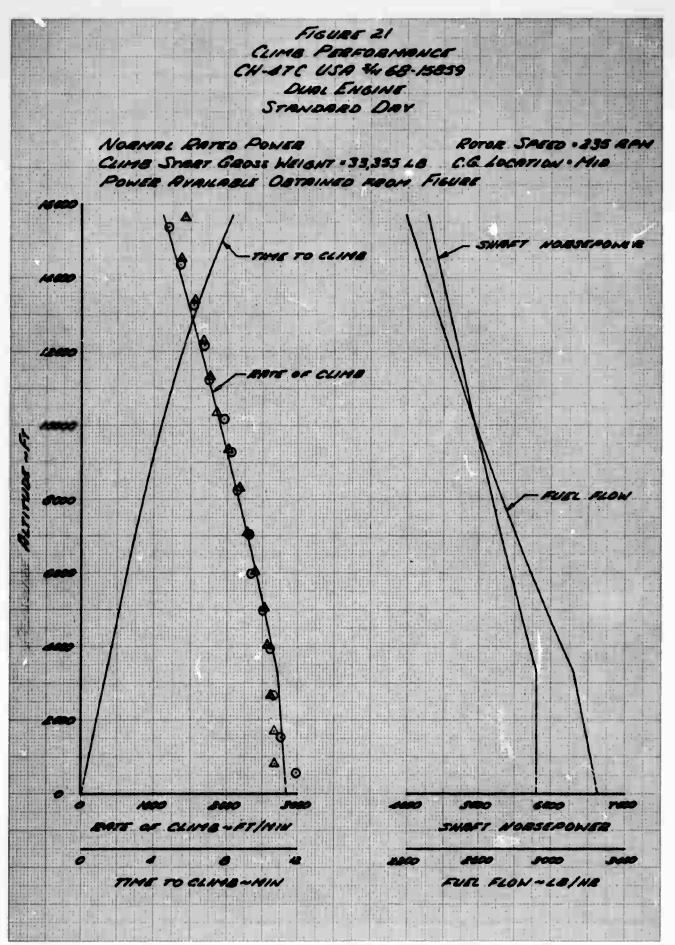
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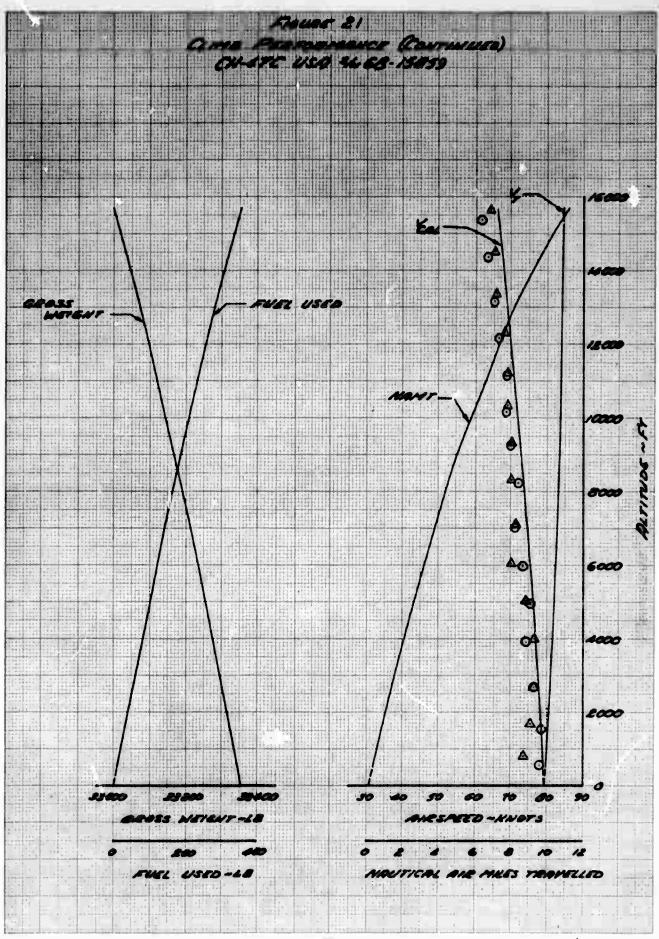


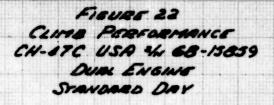




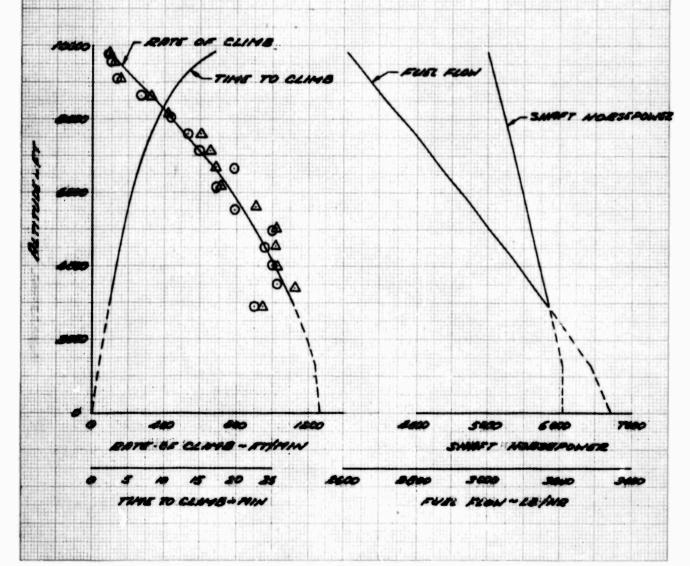


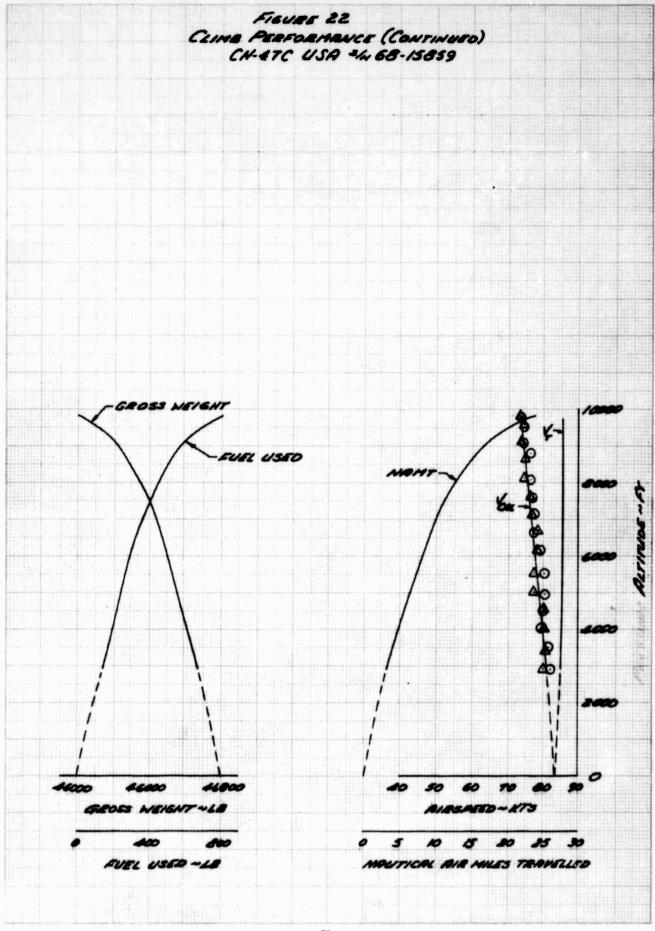


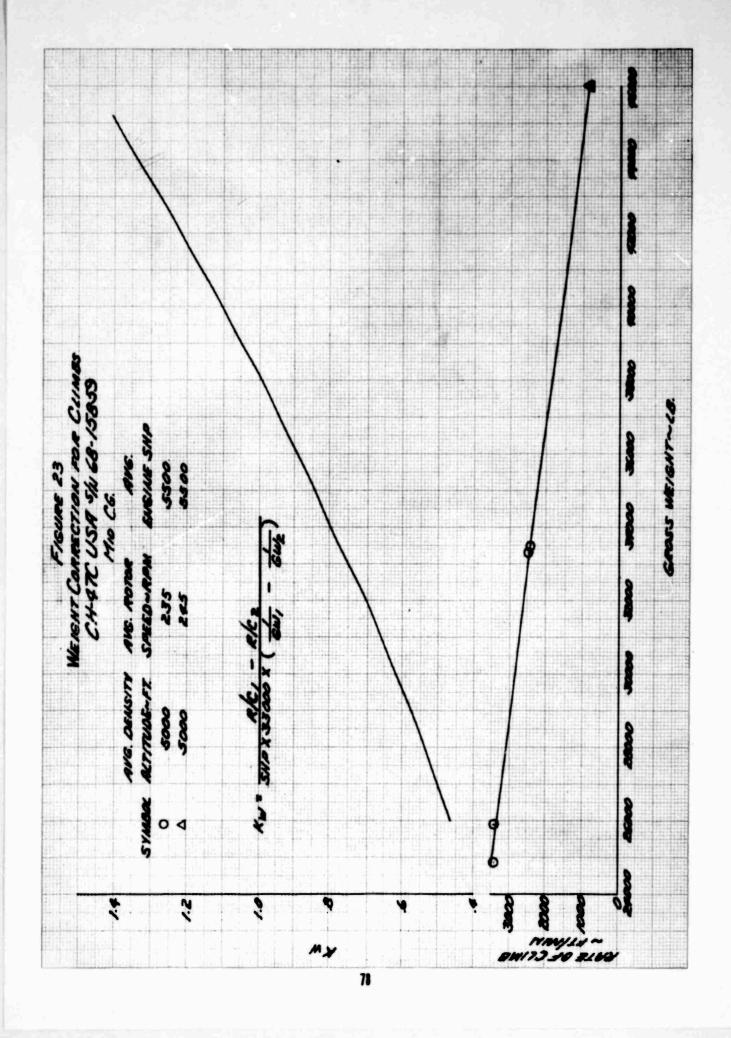


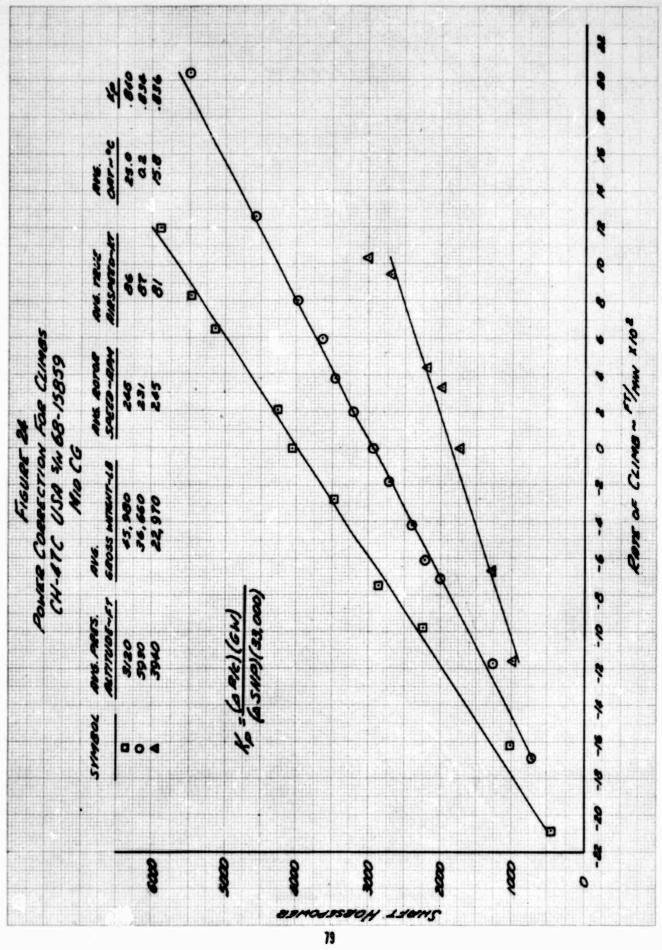


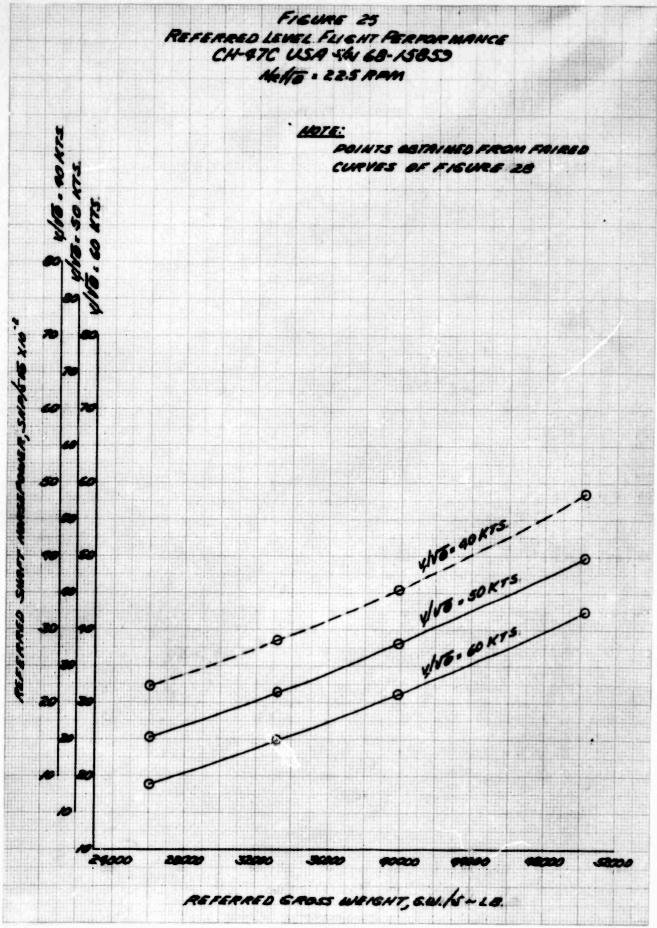
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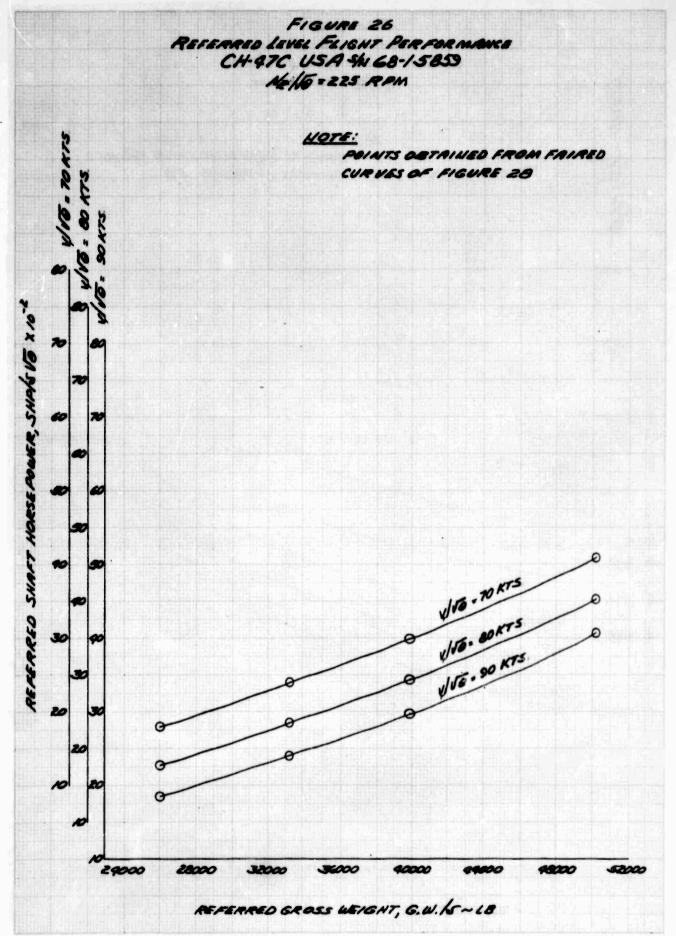


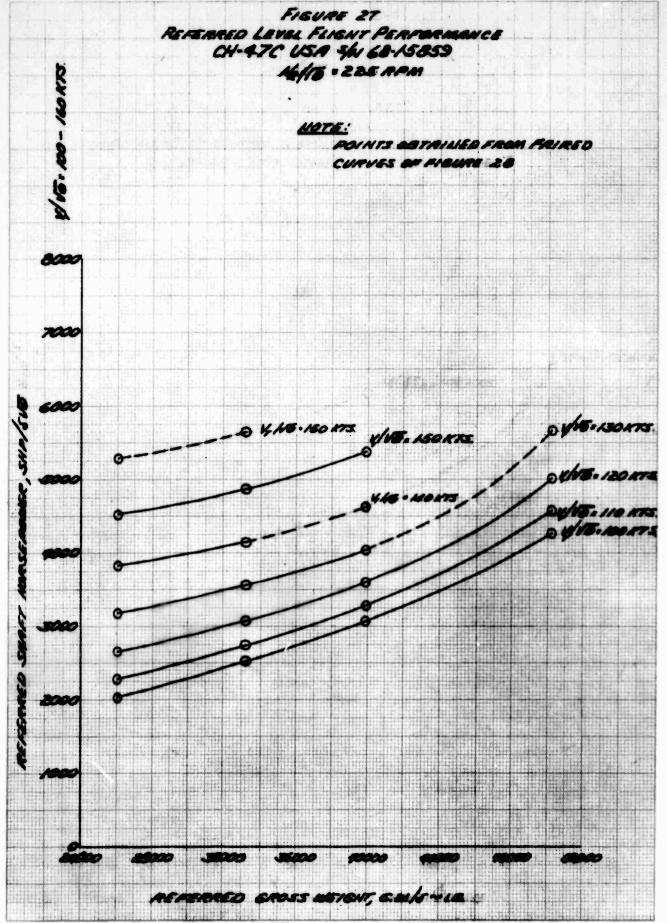


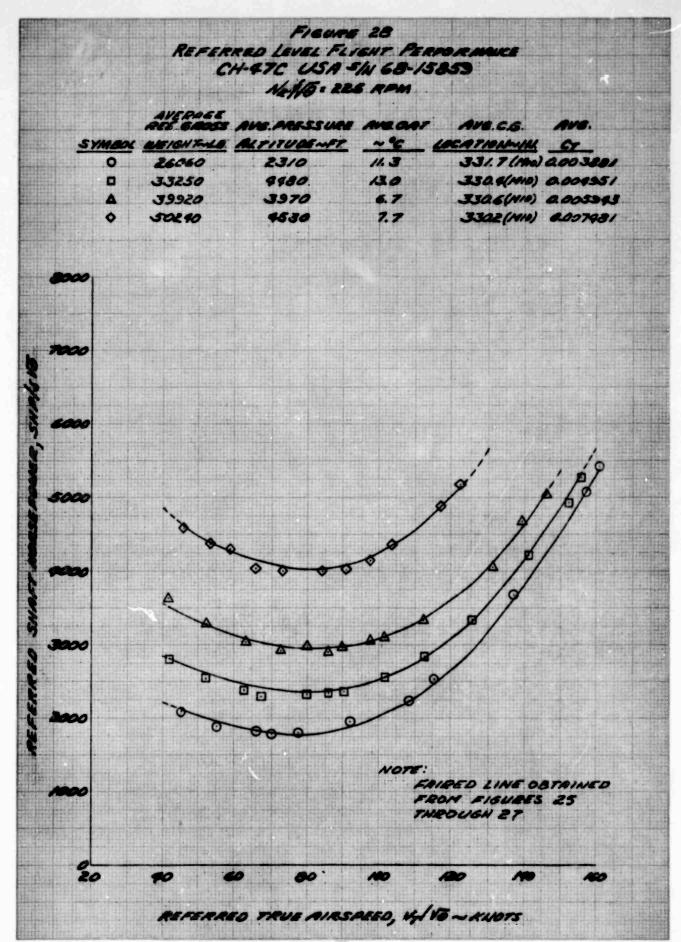


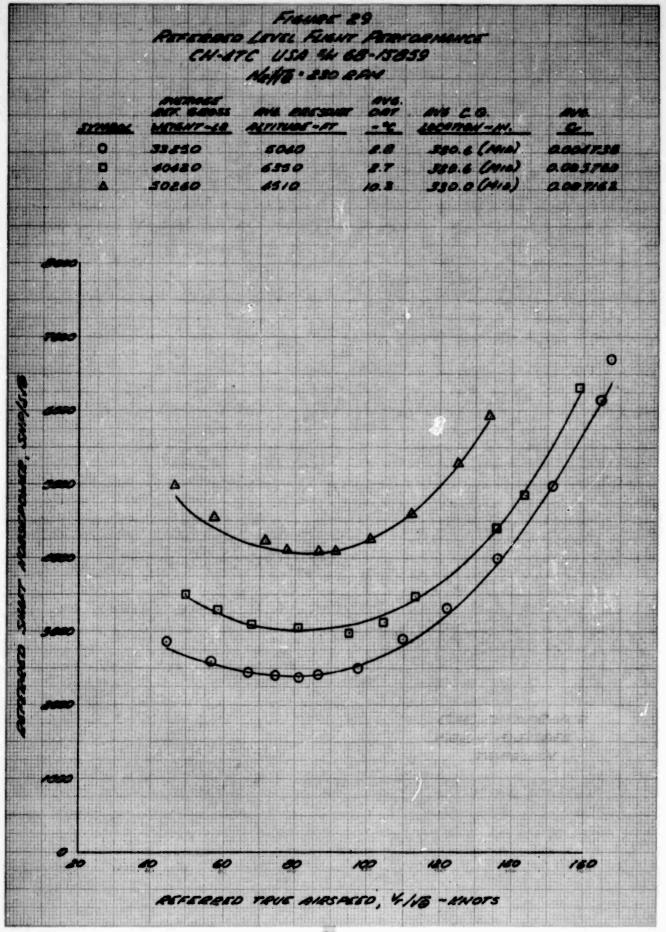


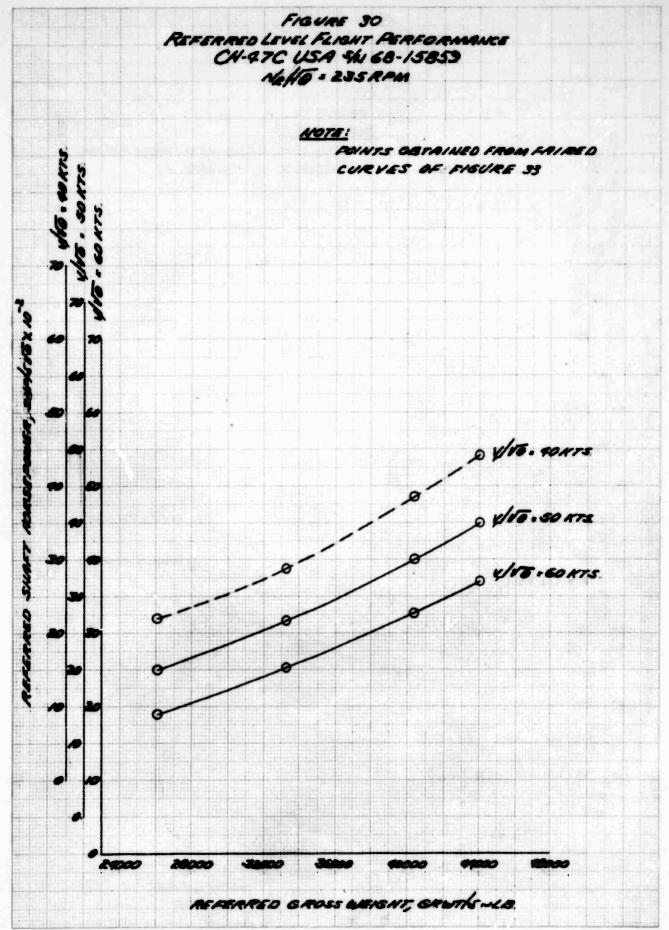


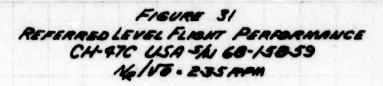


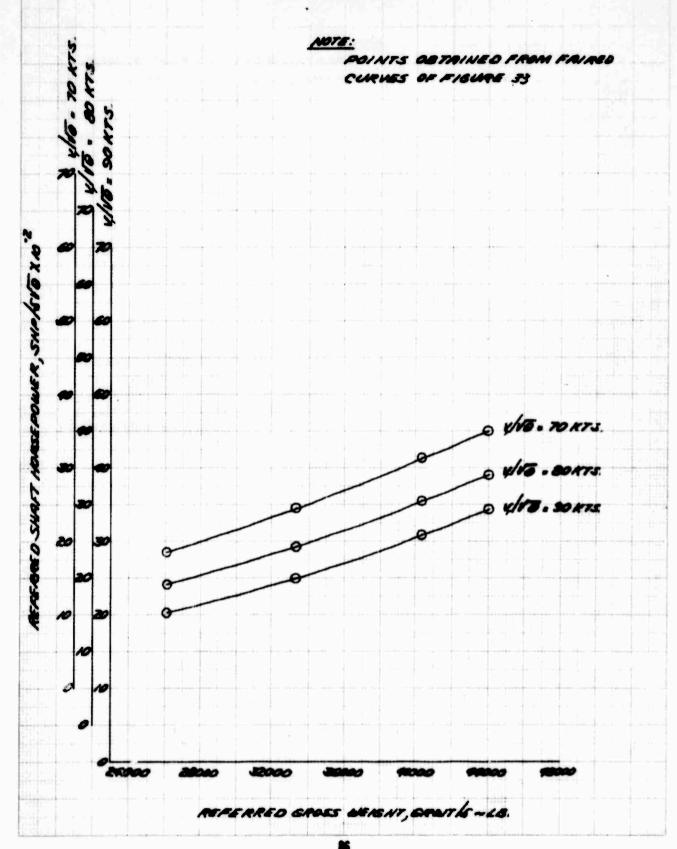


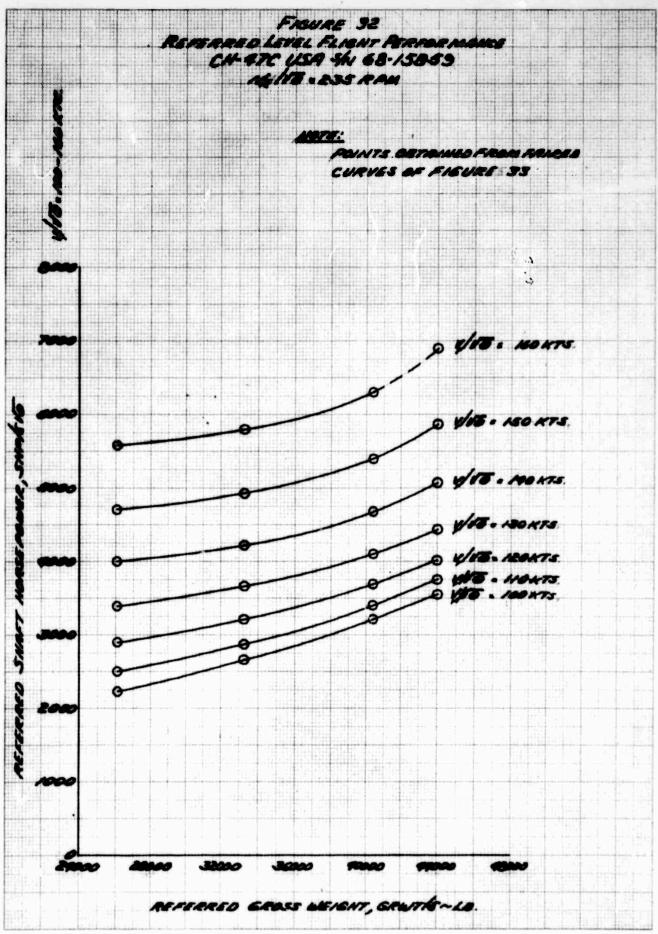


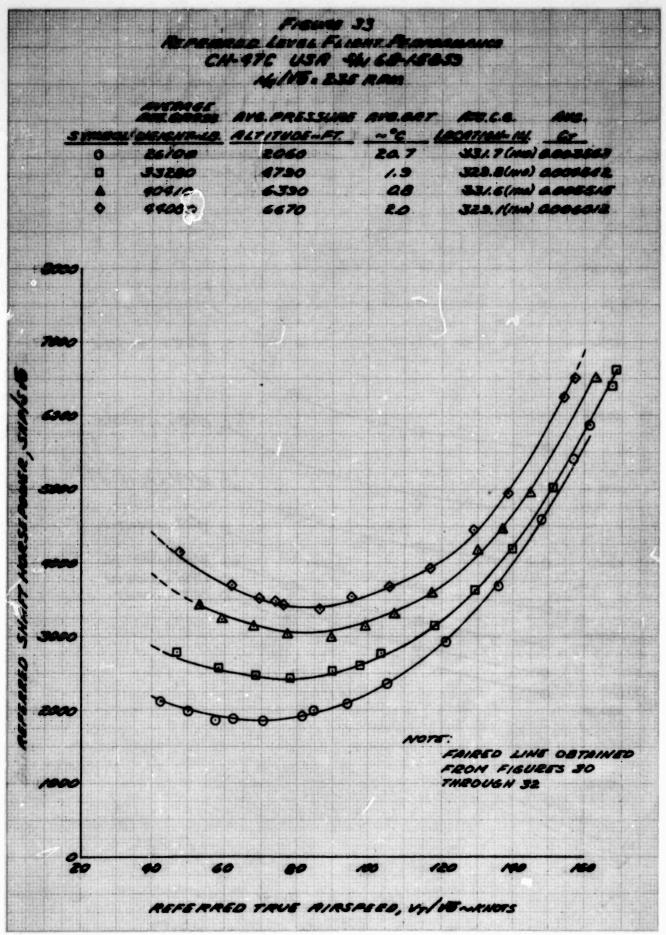




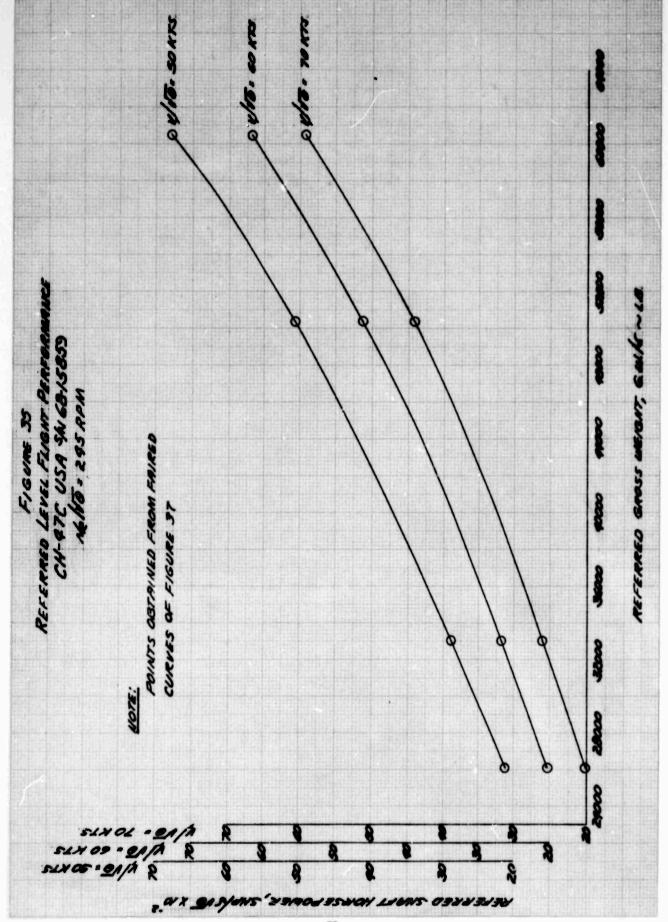


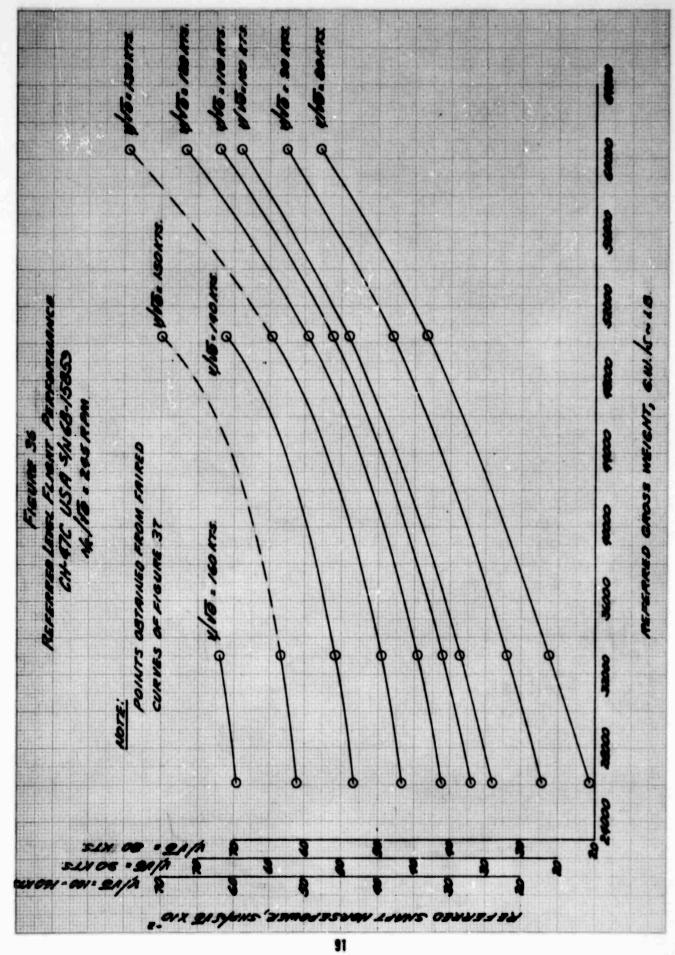


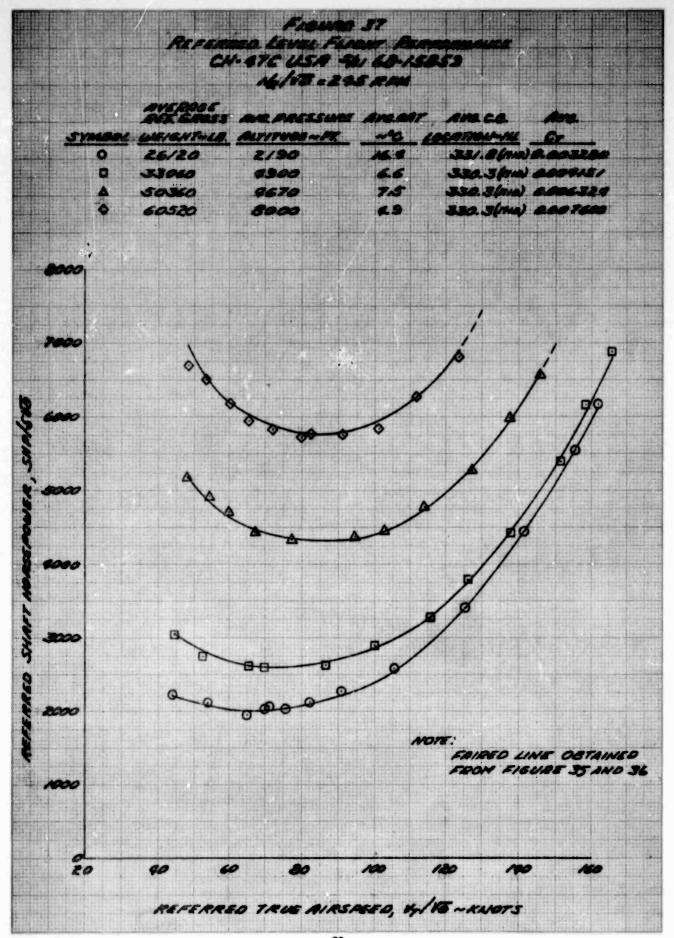


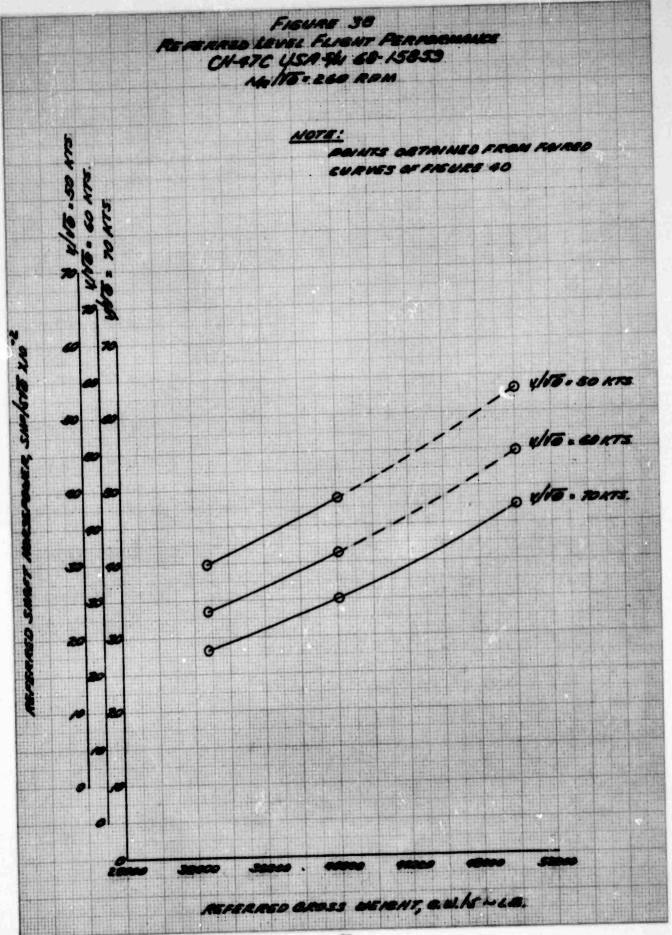


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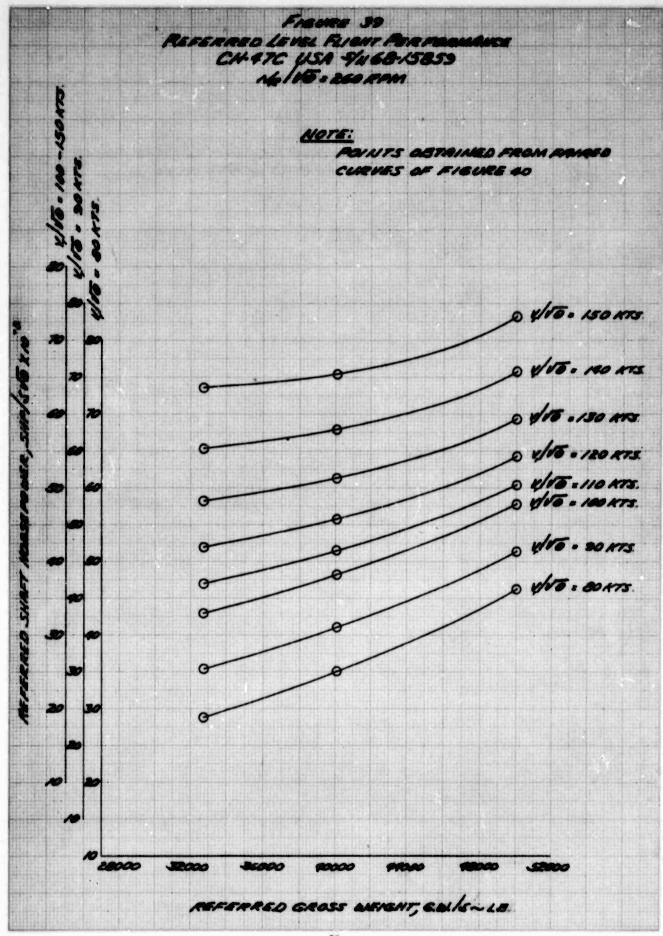
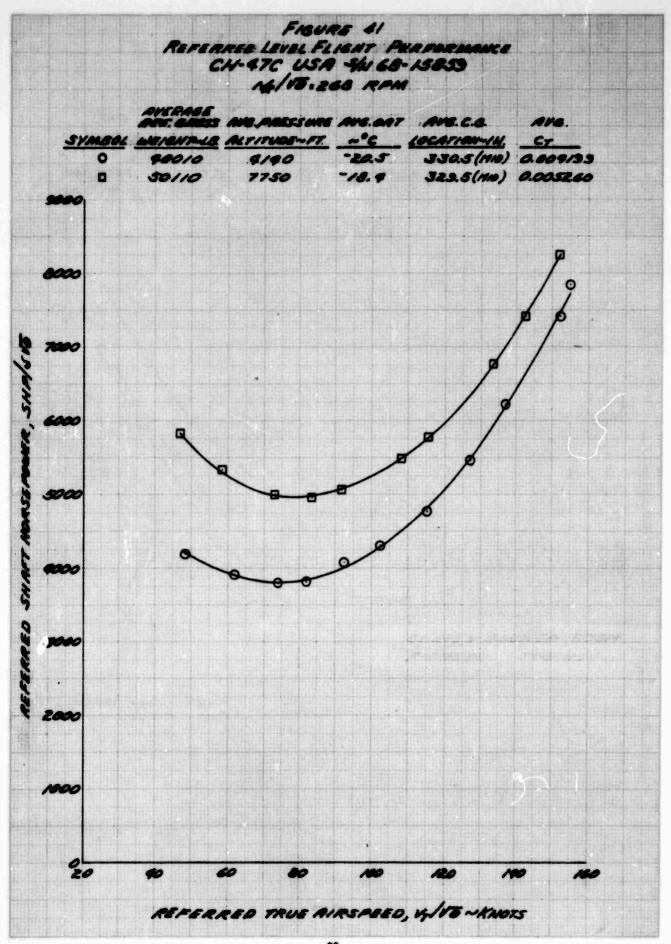
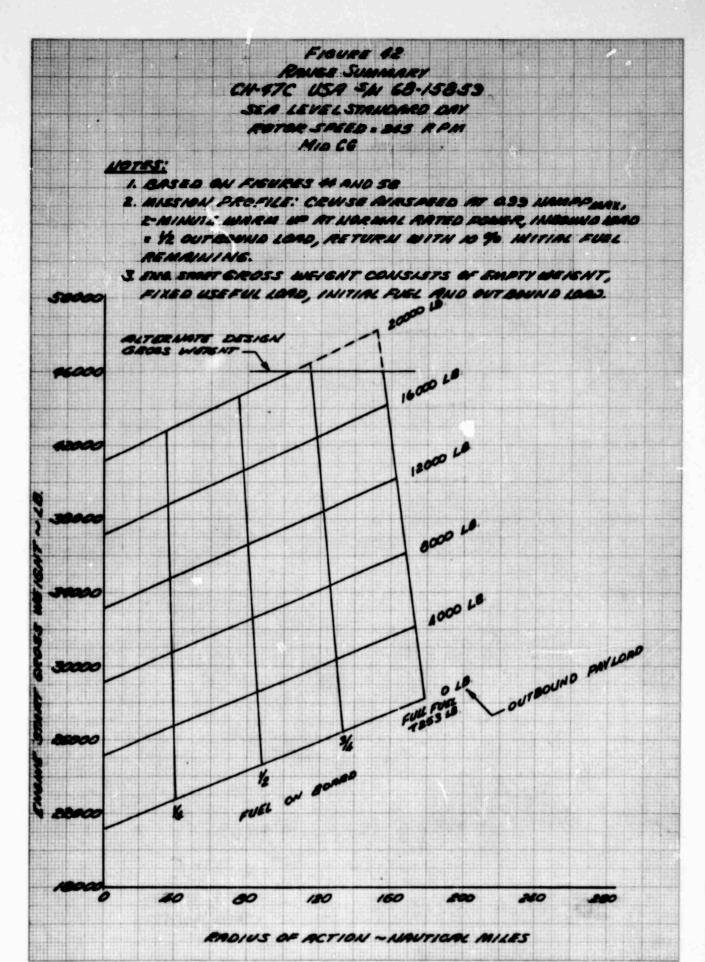
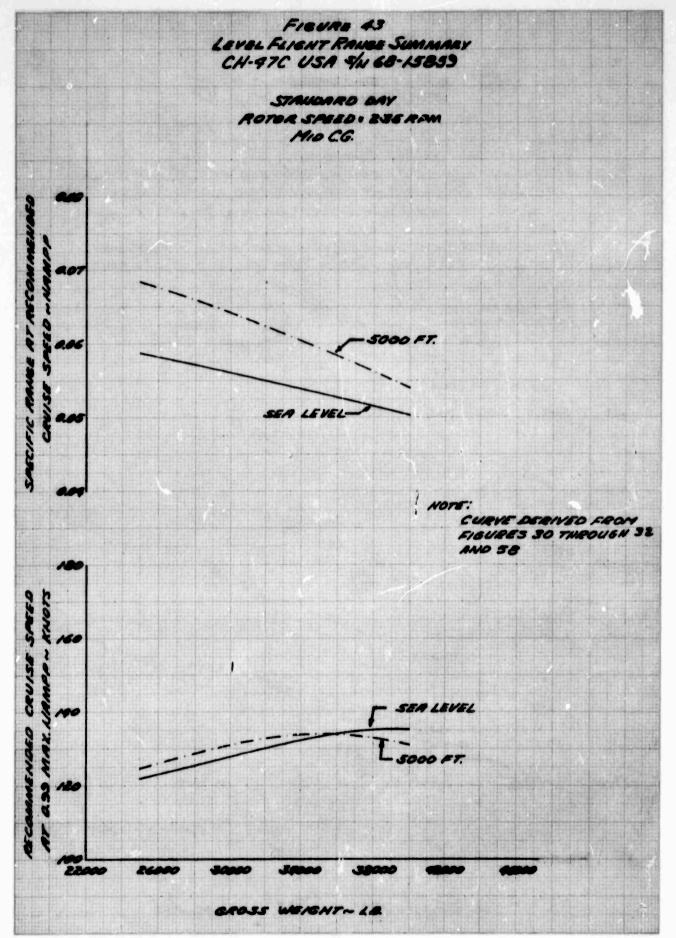
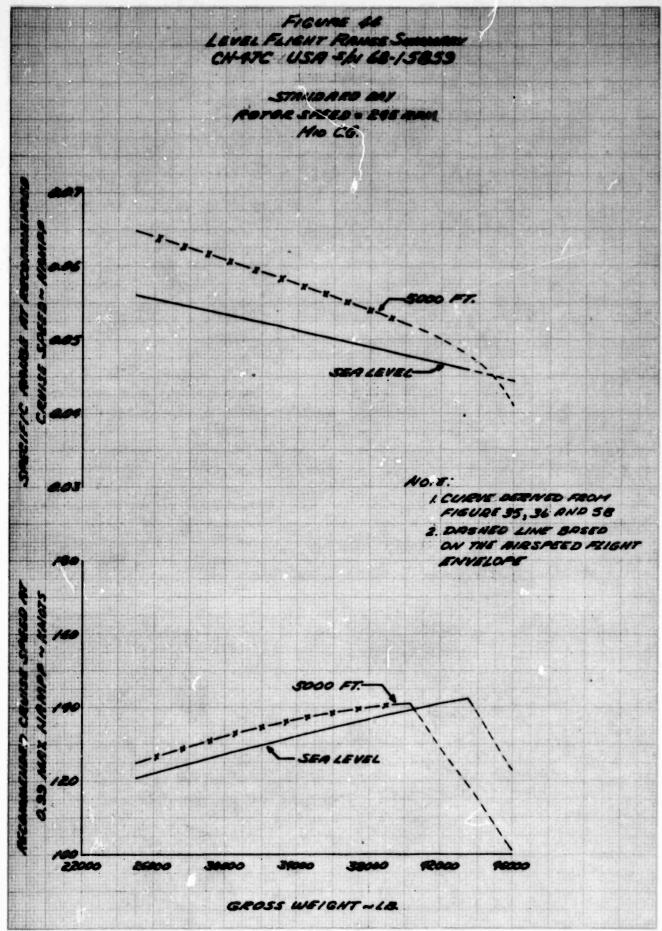


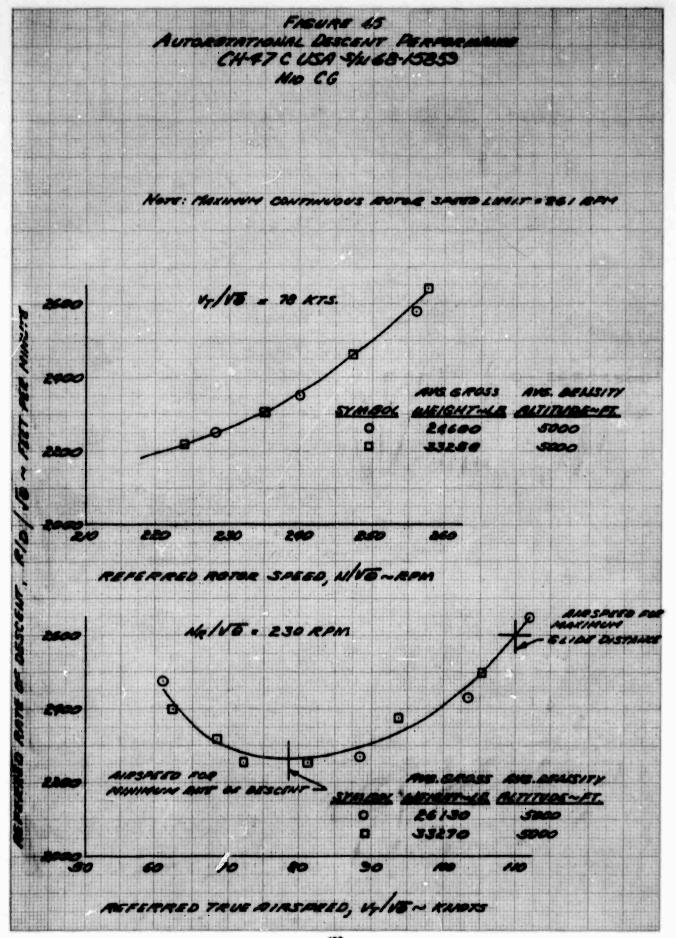
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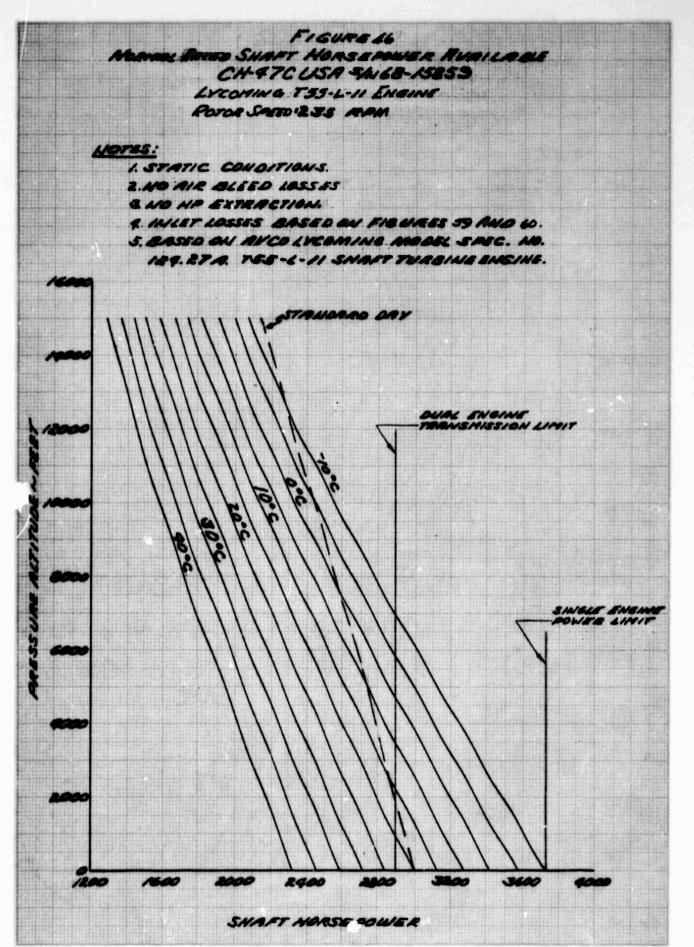


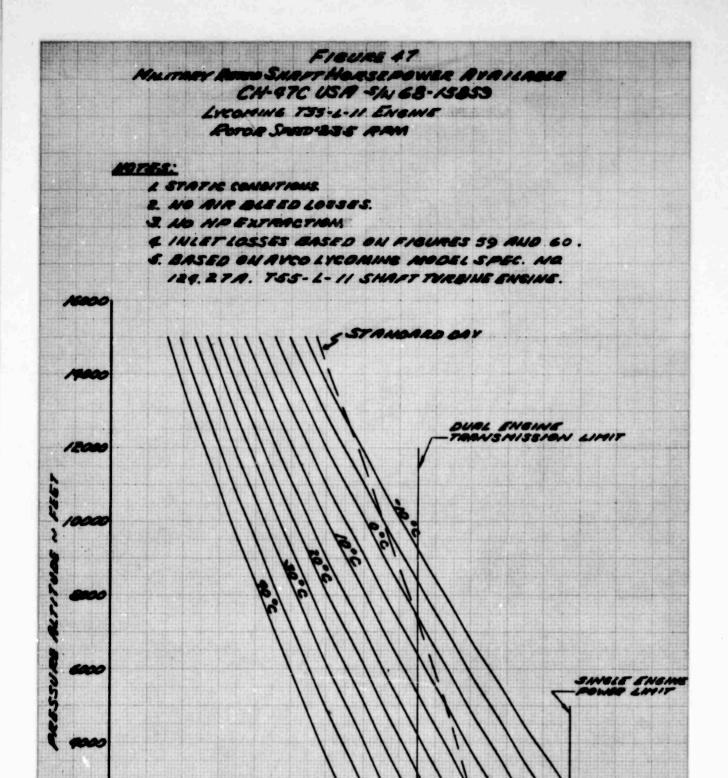




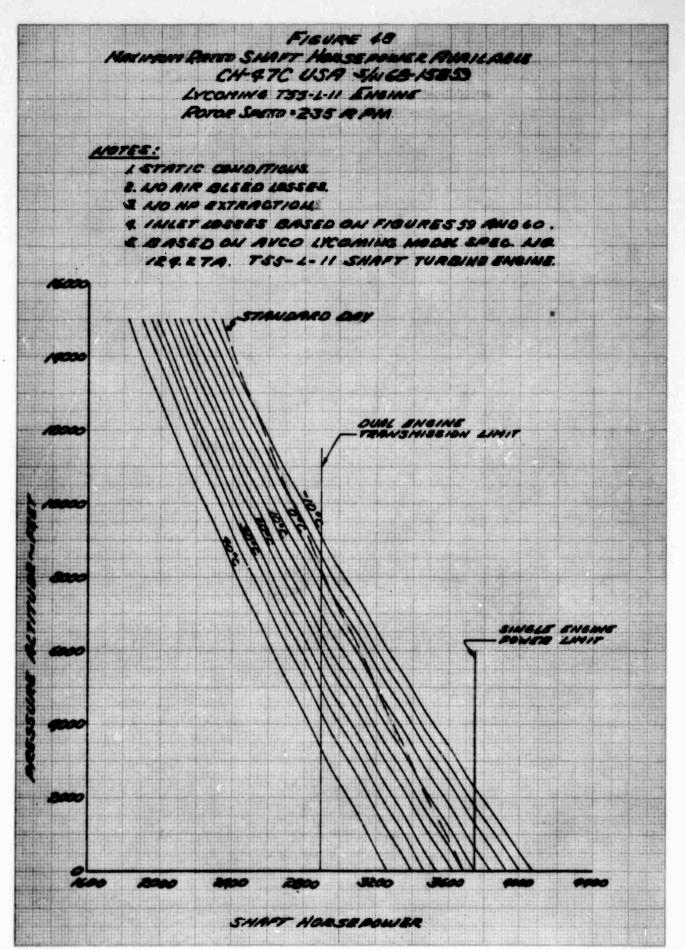


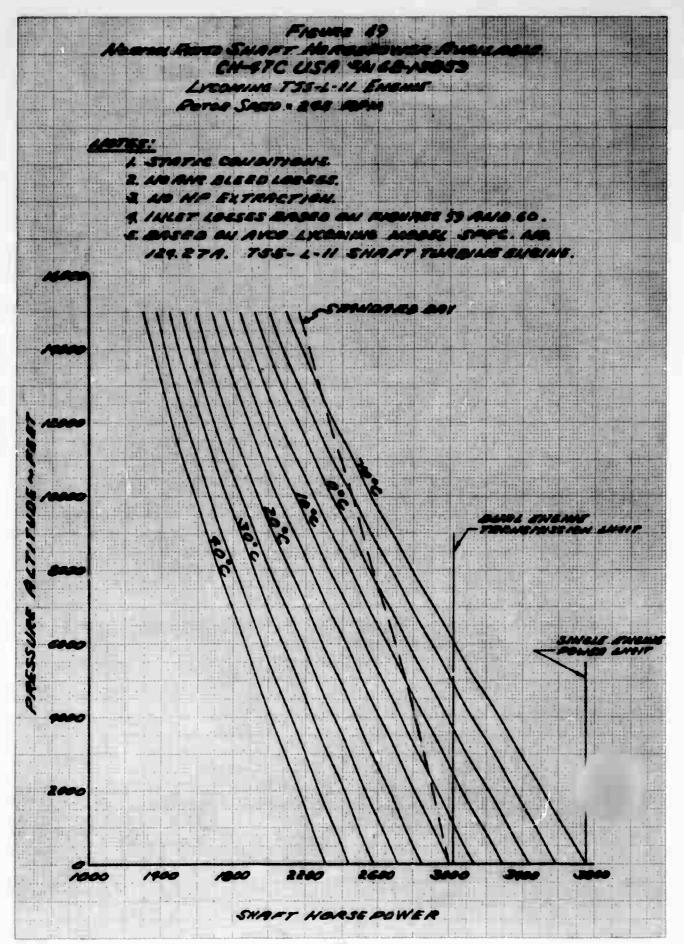


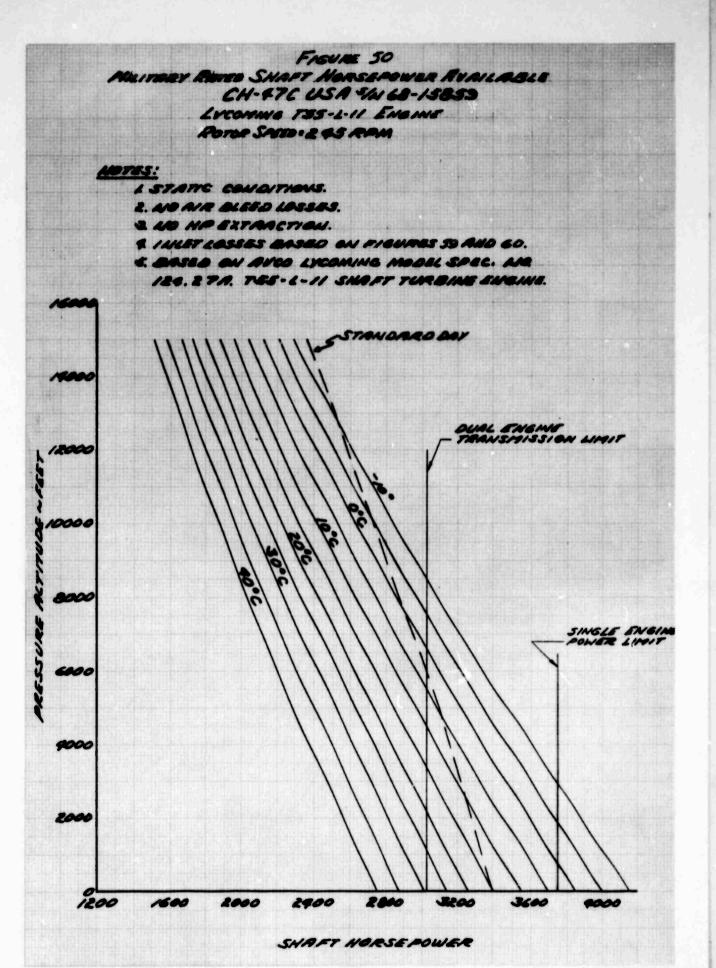


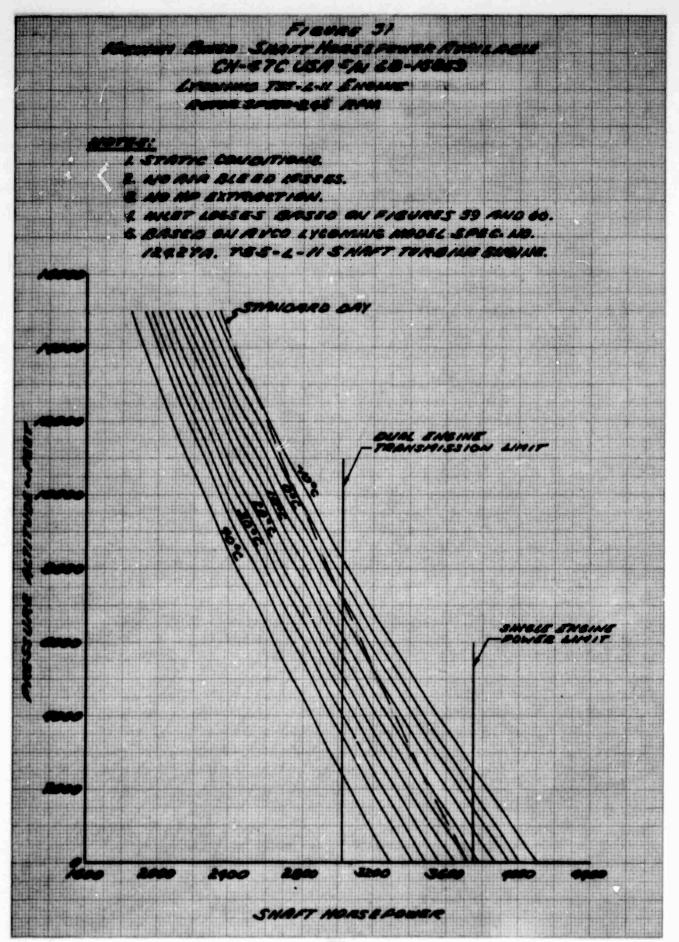


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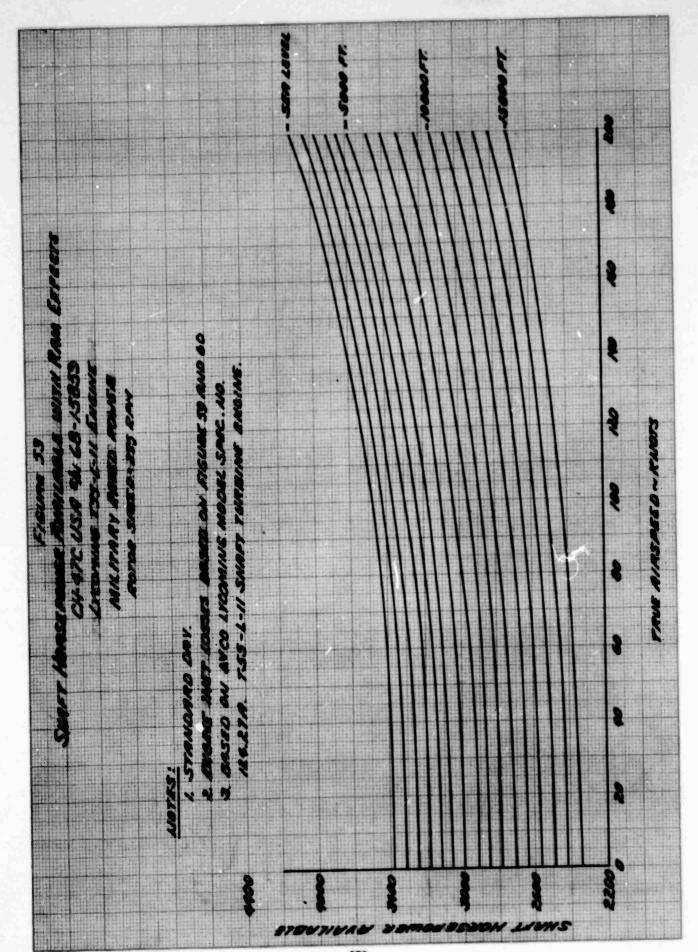


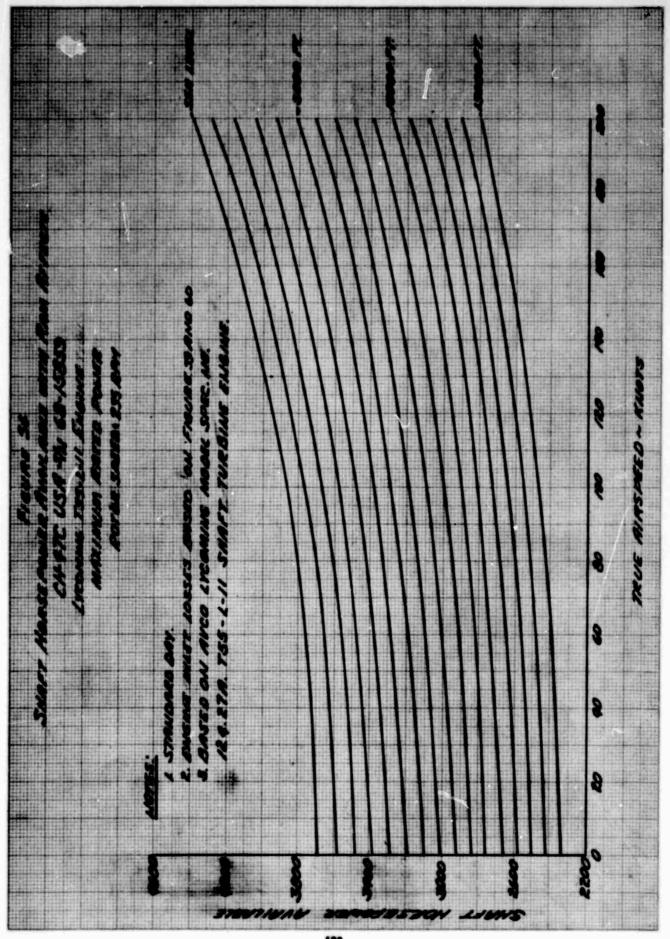


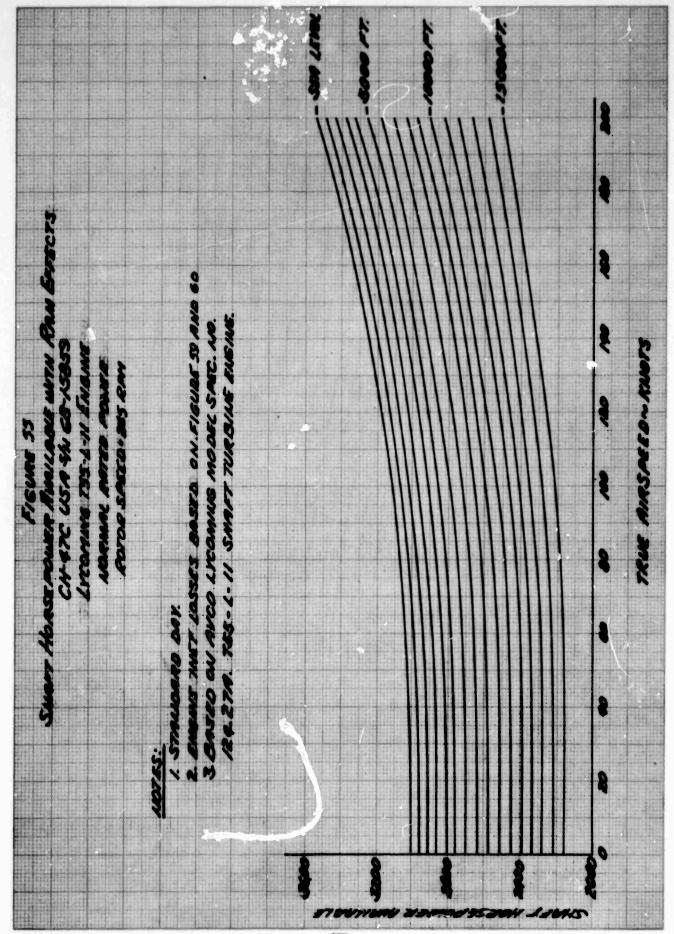




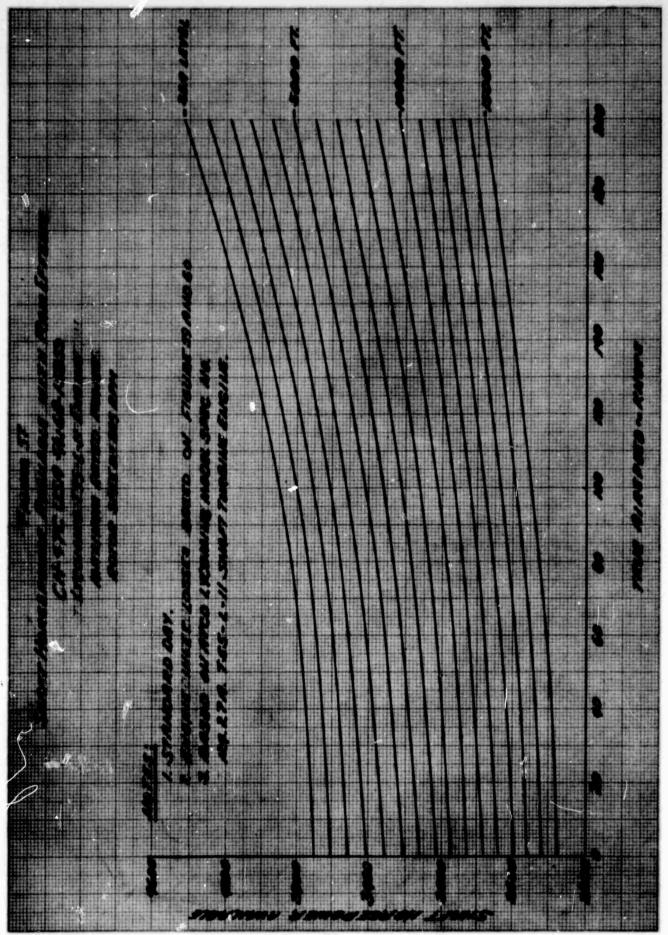
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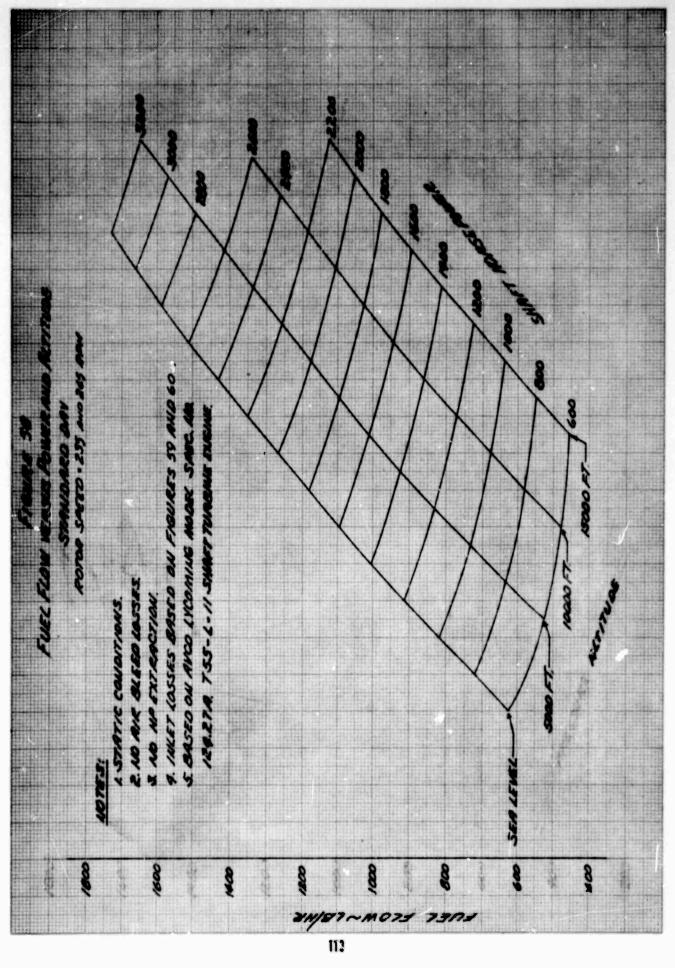


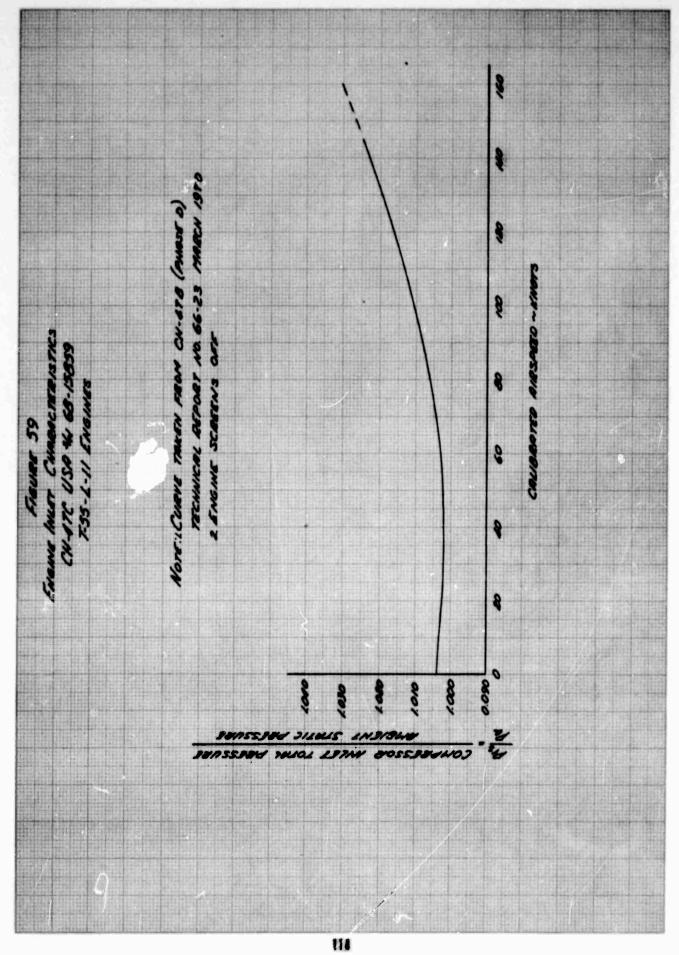


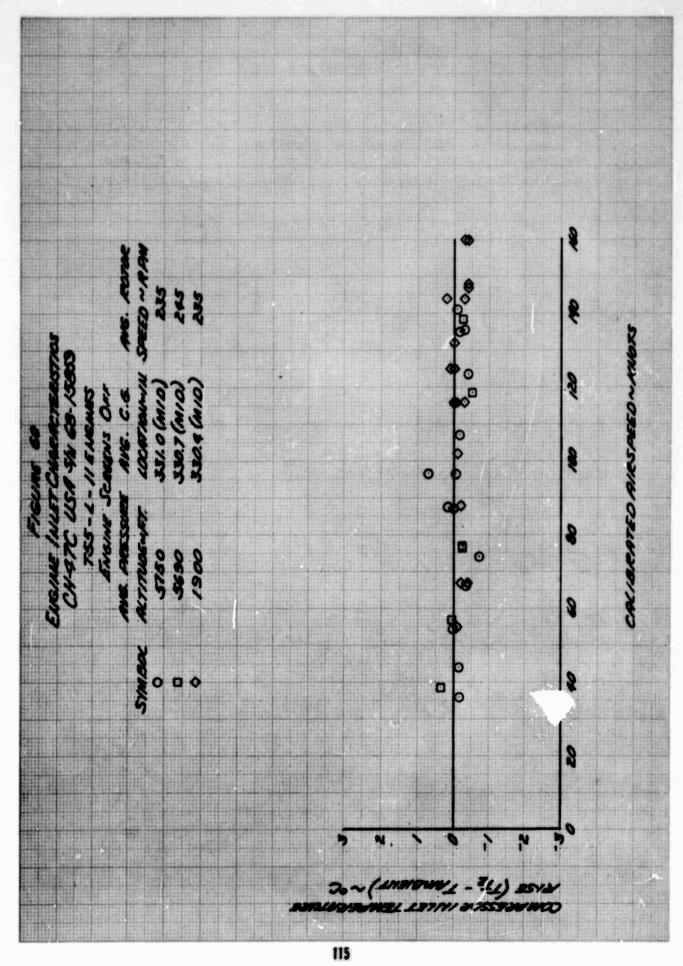


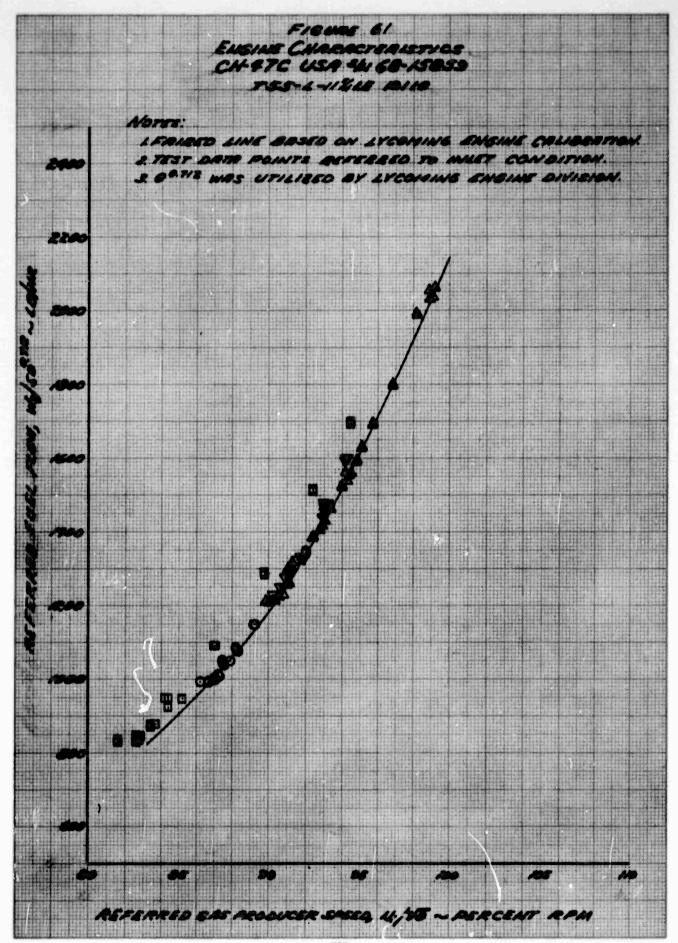
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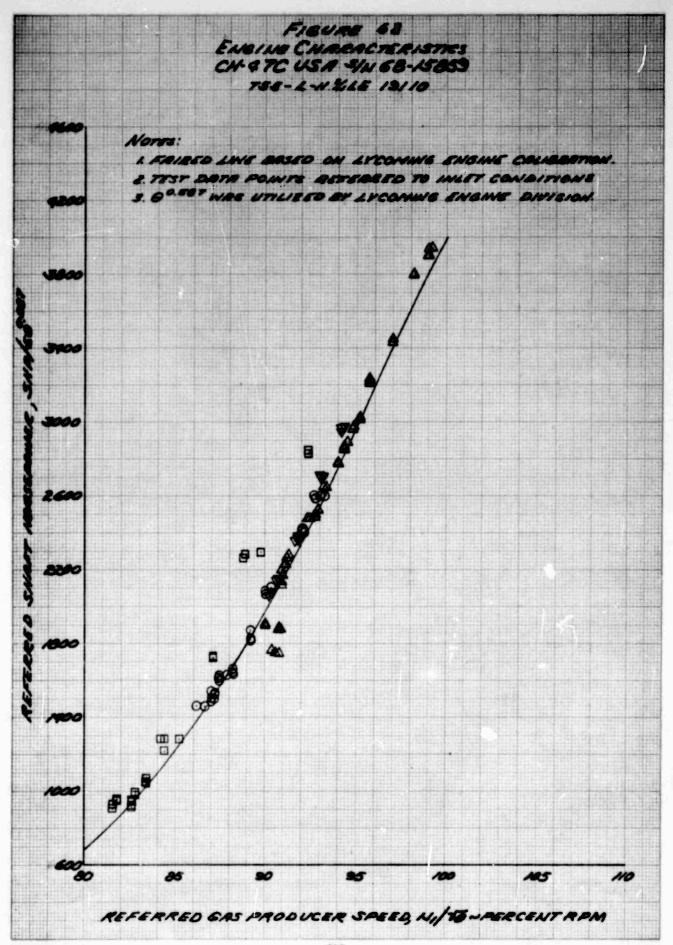


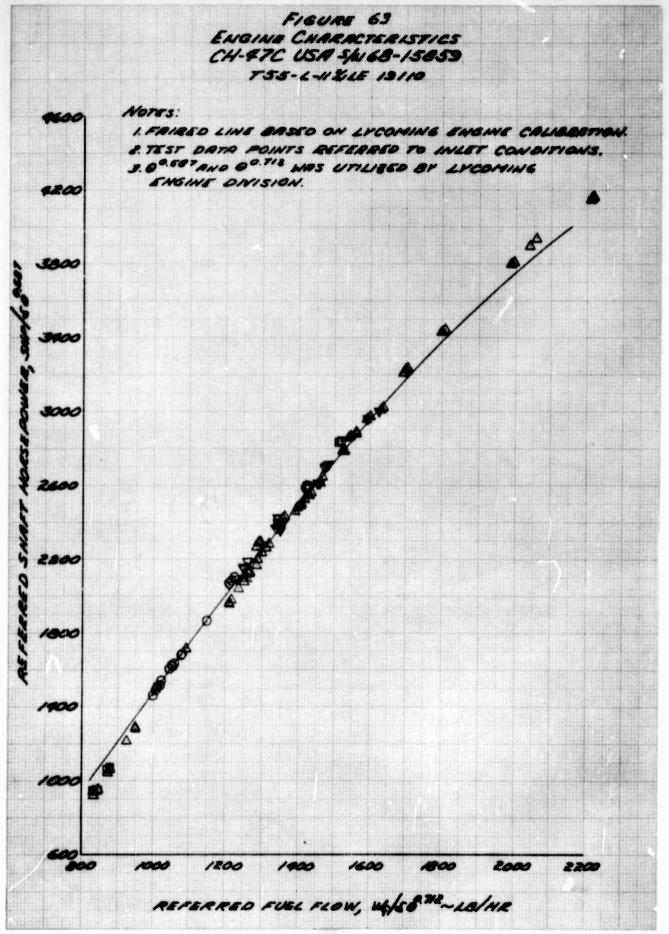


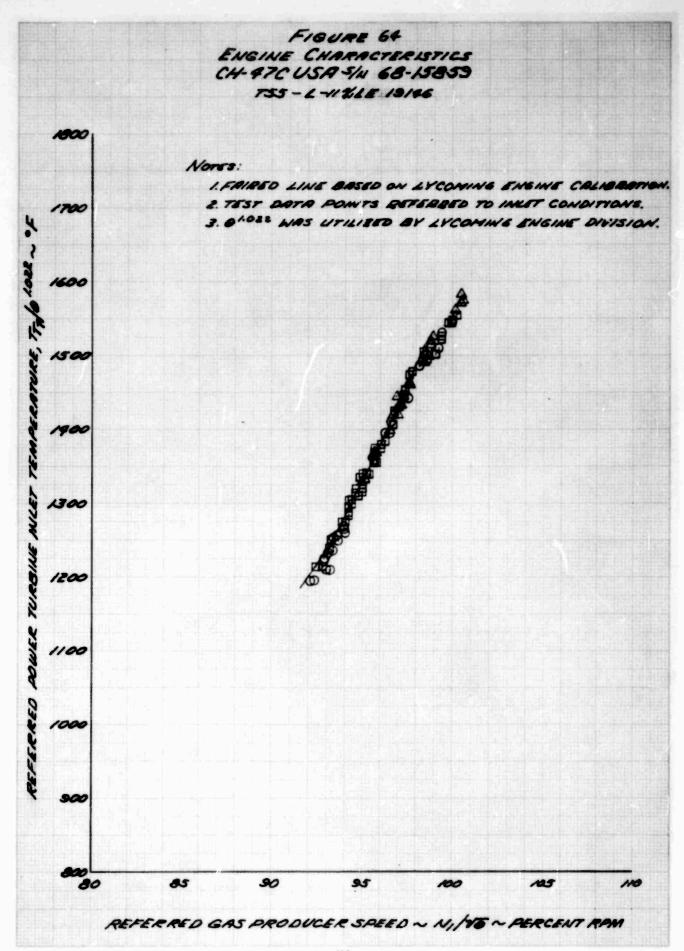


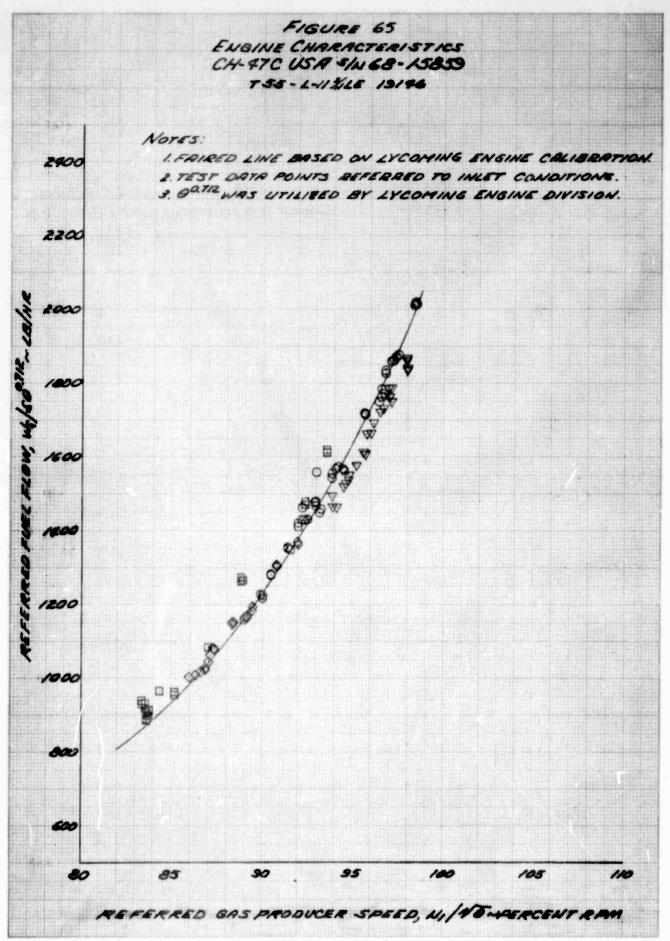


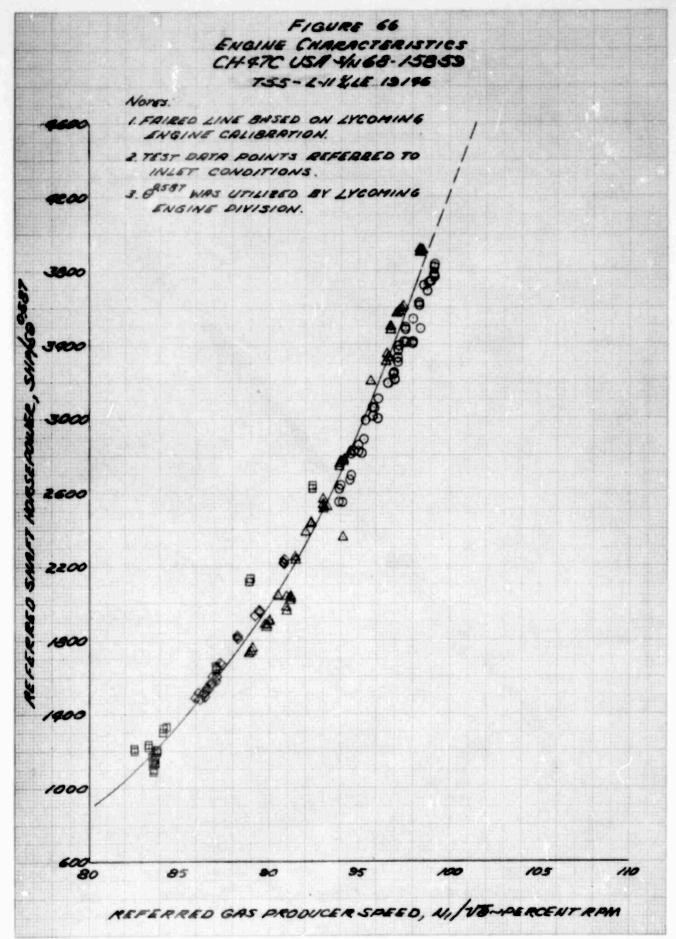


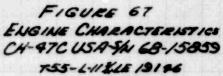


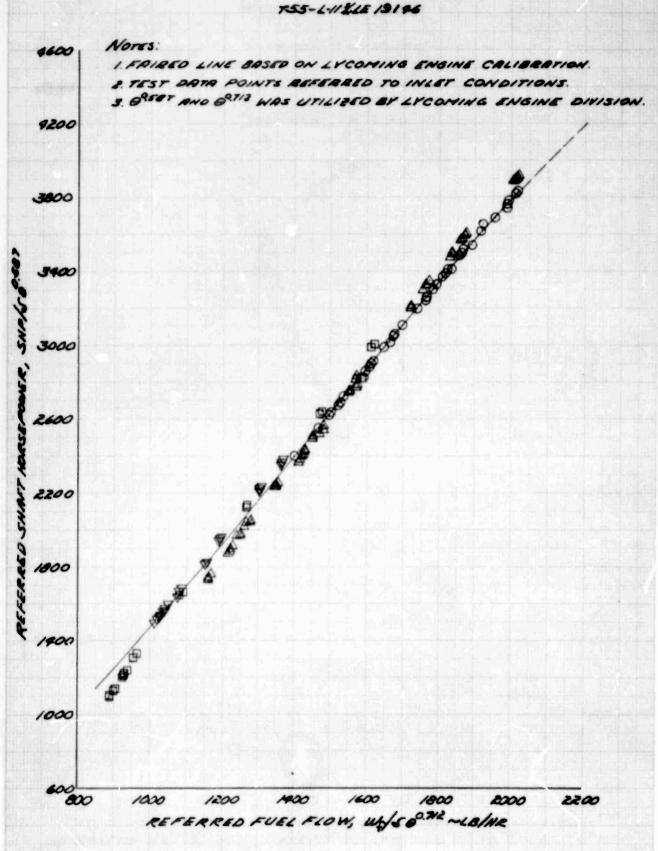


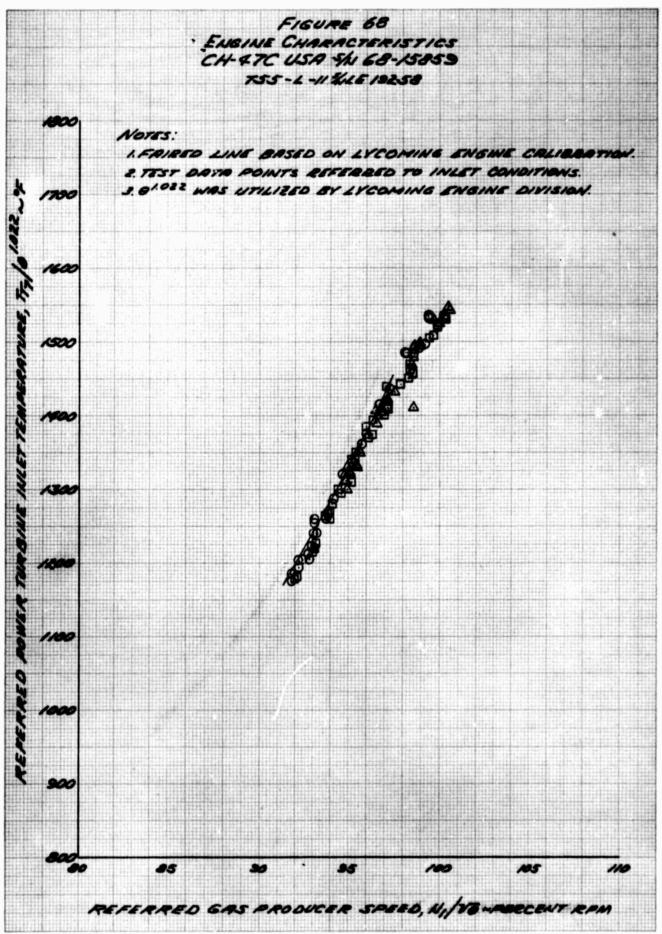


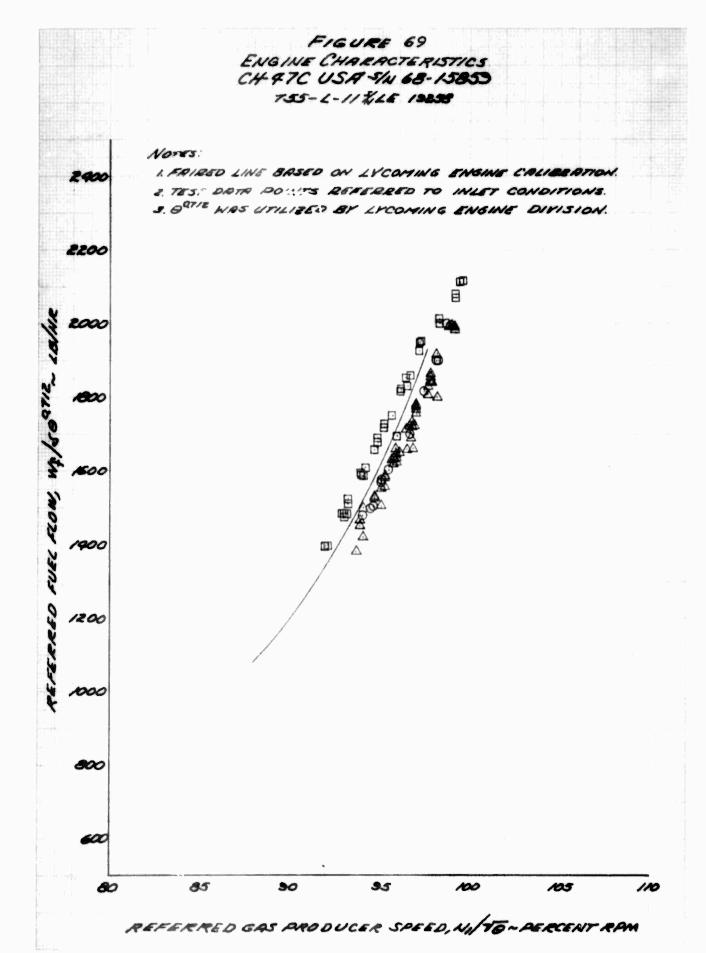


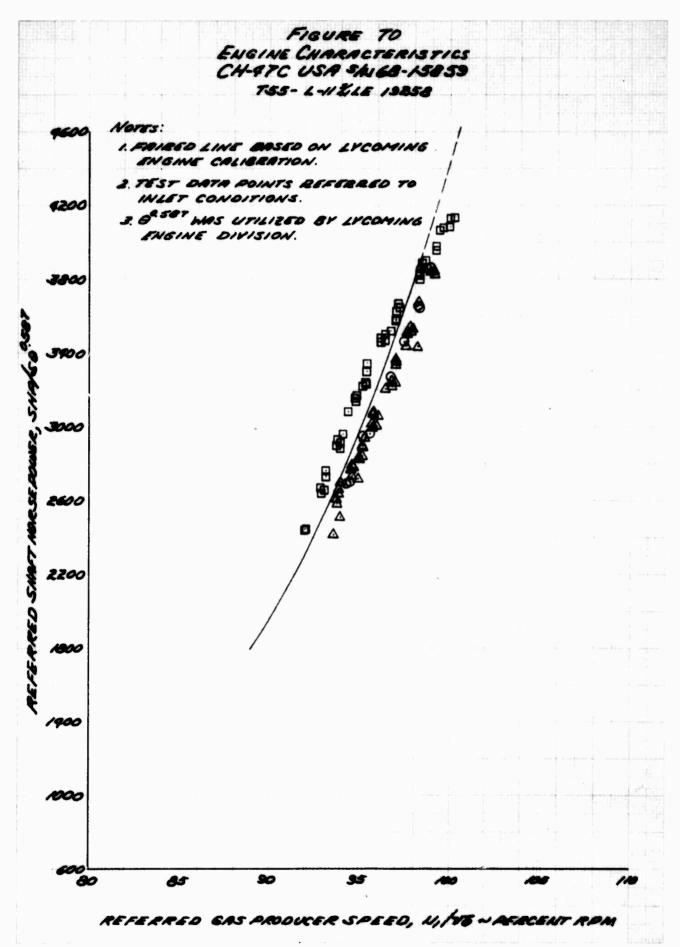


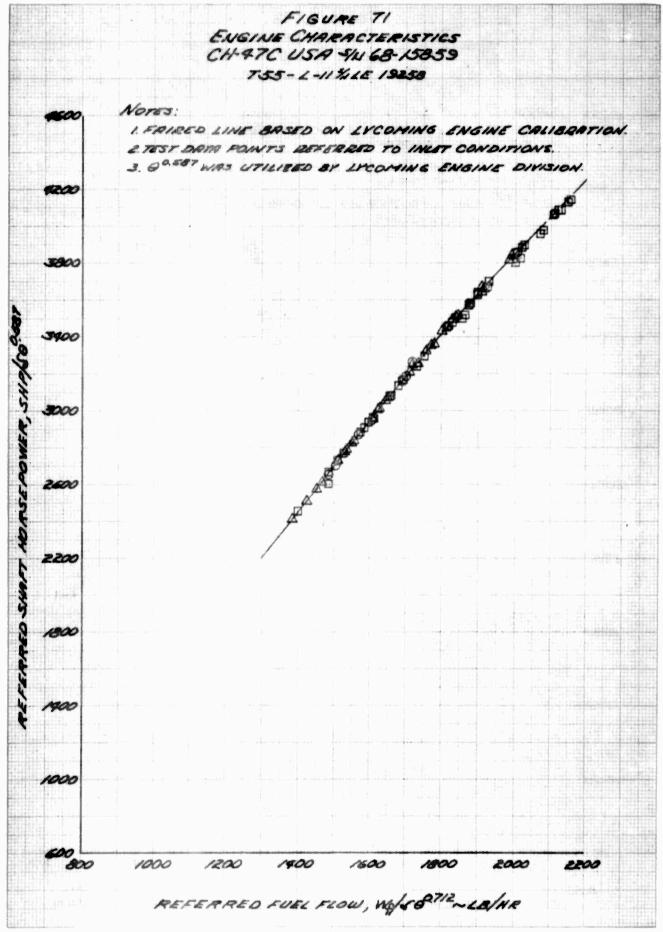


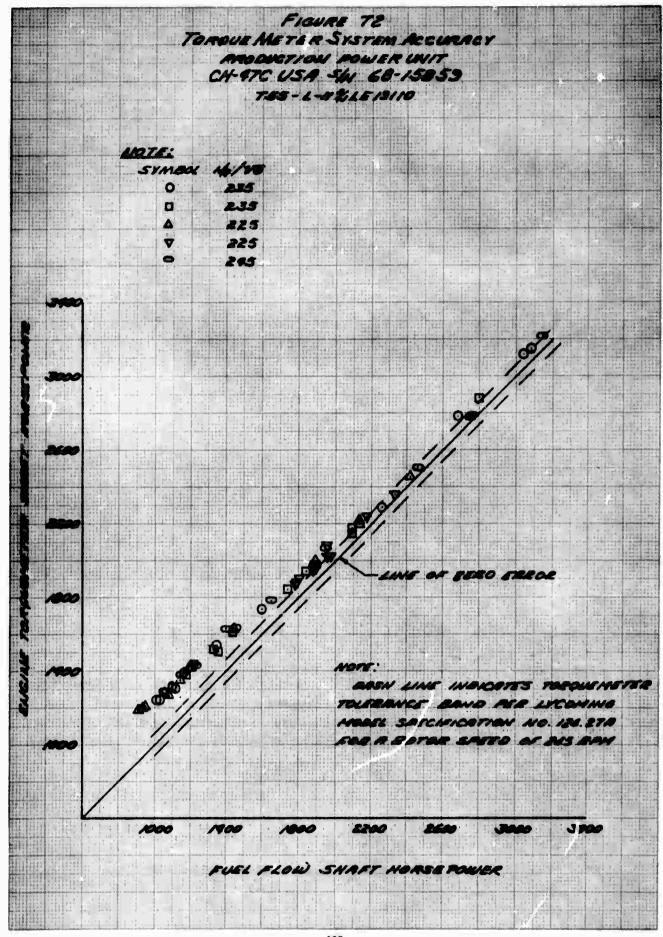


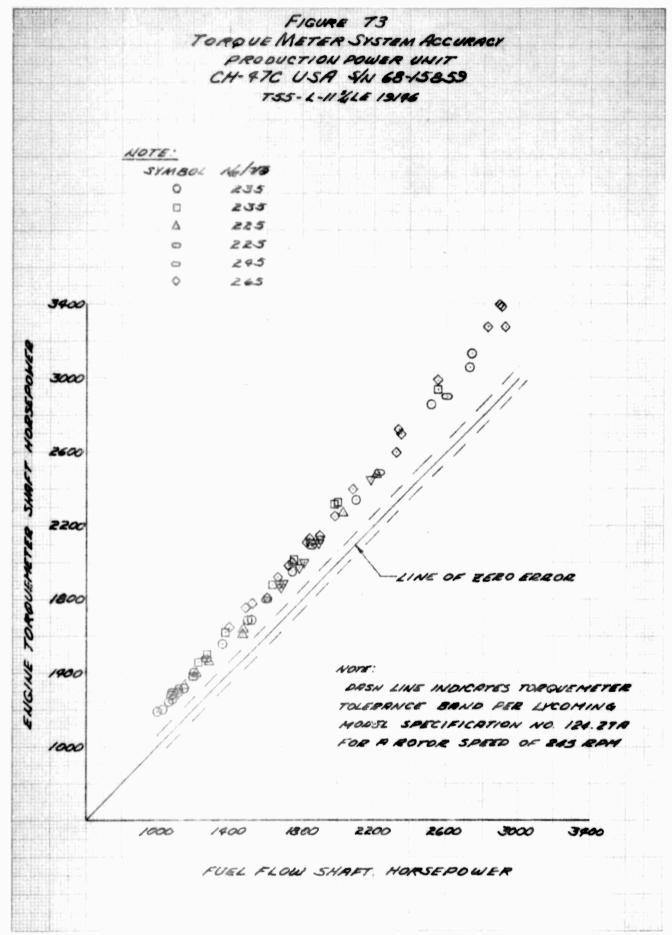


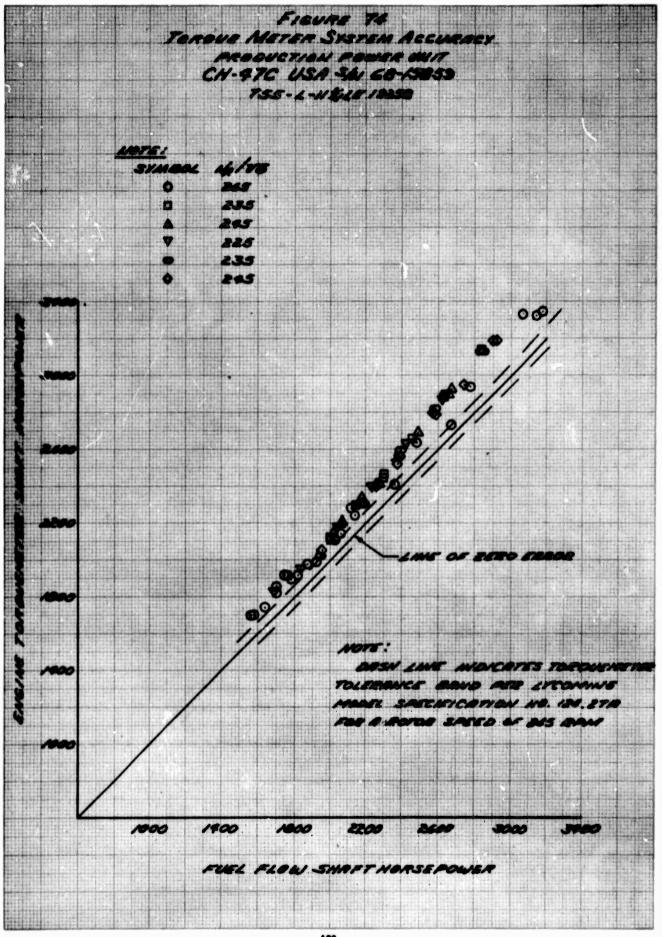


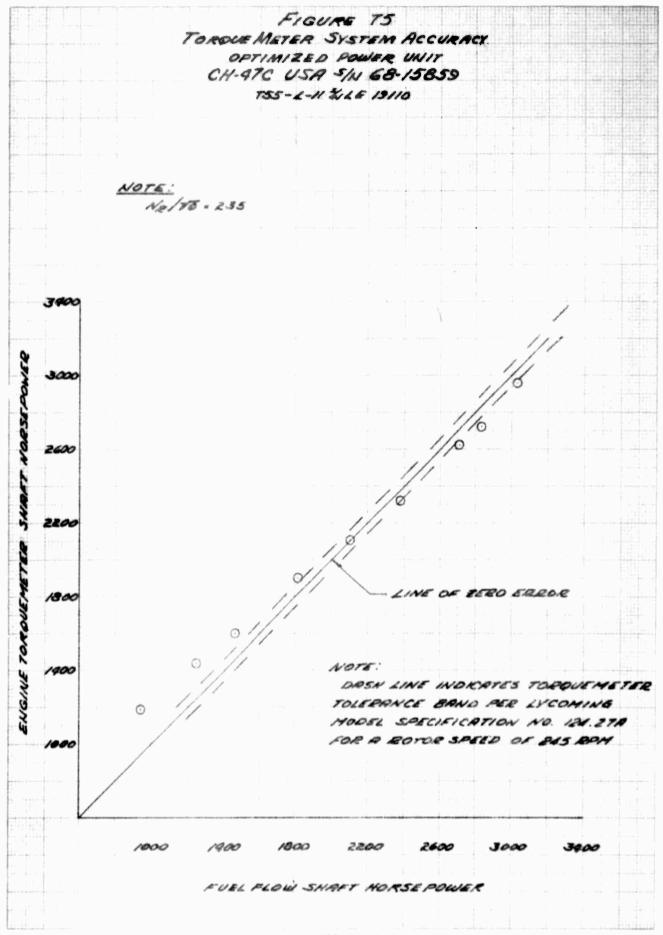


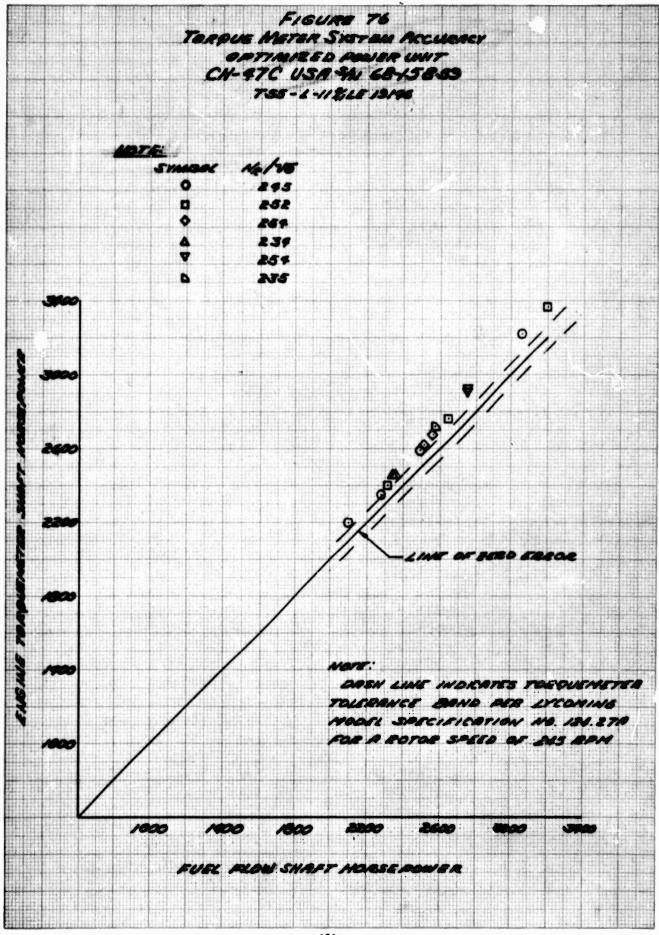


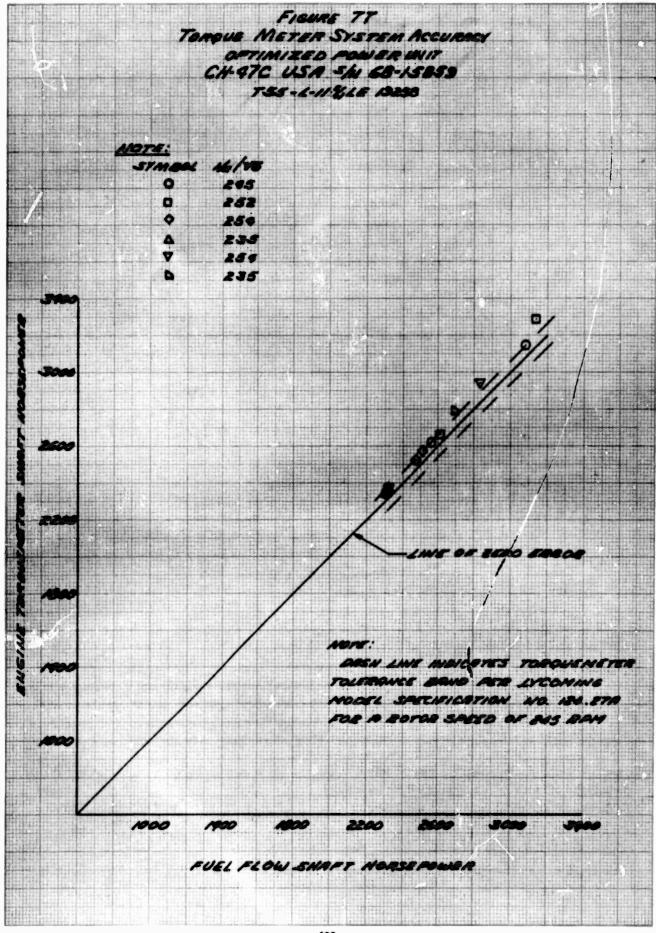


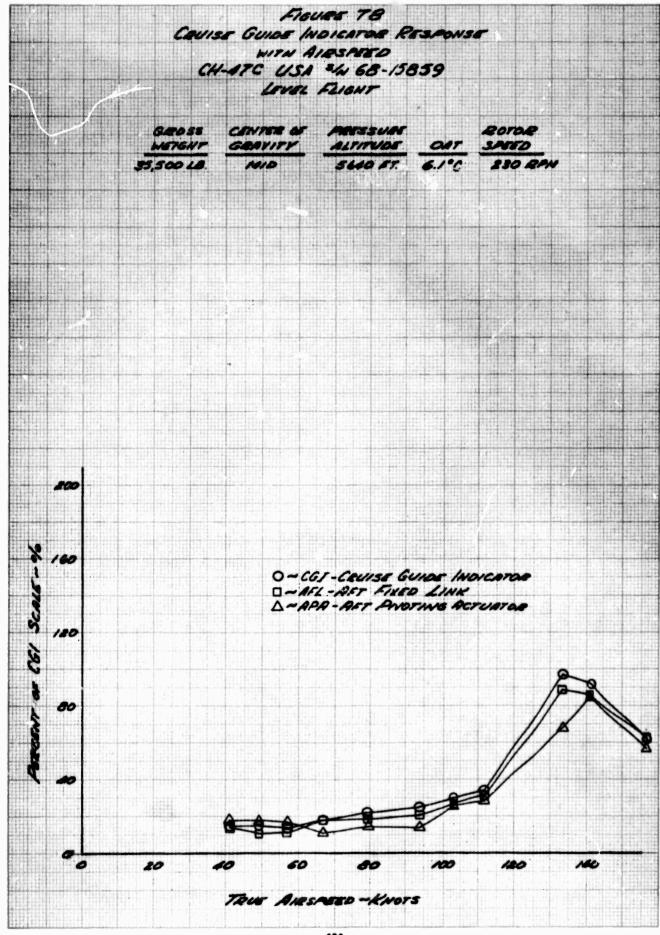


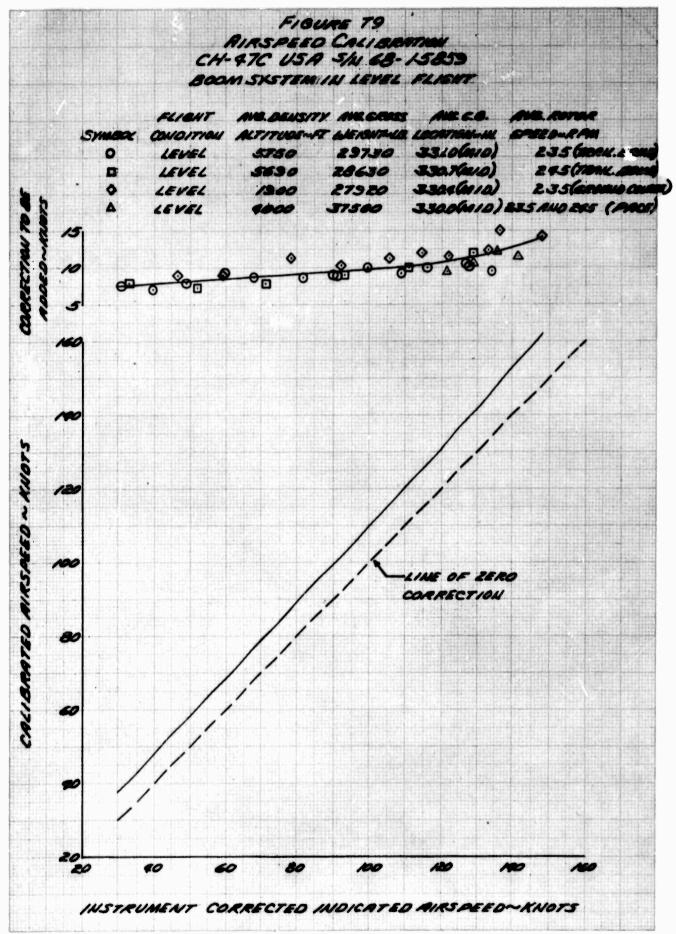


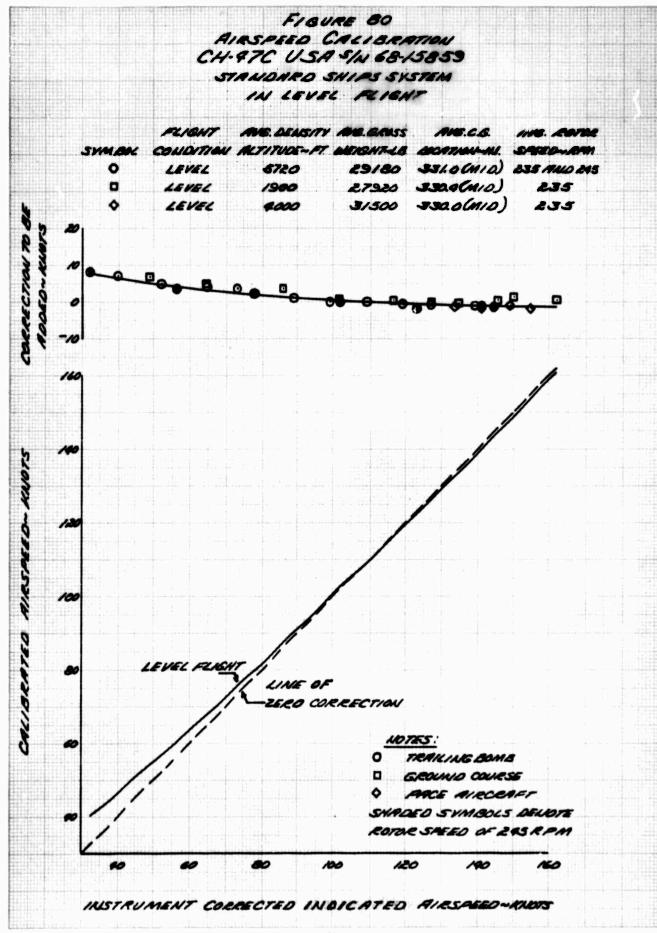


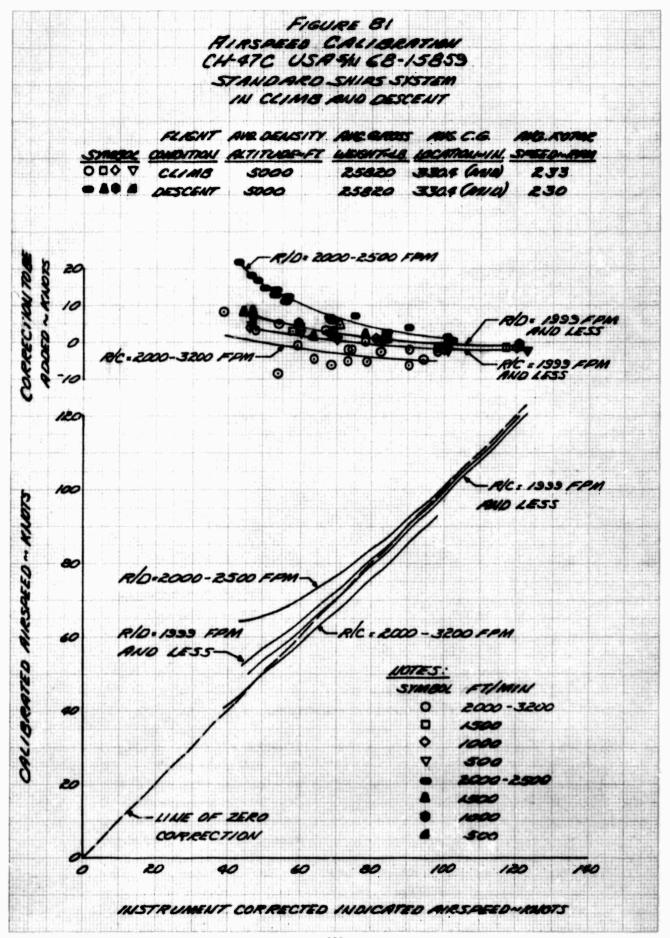












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IS. ABSTRACT

The CH-47C was flight tested to obtain detailed performance data and to verify compliance of the aircraft with the manufacturer's detail sepcification and applicable military specifications. The test results show that the helicopter exceeded all performance guarantees and complied with all specifications against which it was tested.except airspeed position errors. The inaccuracy of the engine torquemeter system and high engine compartment vibration levels were the only two deficiencies found. Seven shortcomings were noted for which correction is desirable: (1) objectionable cockpit vibration levels which limit maximum level-flight airspeed, (2) moderate pilot effort required to maintain optimum climb airspeeds, (3) 3/rev airspeed indicator needle oscillations at high power settings, (4) engine torque mismatch resulting from adjusting rotor speed, (5) use of landing gear power steering control may be lost at gross weights below 30,000 pounds, (6) objectionable cargo compartment vibration, and (7) objectionable noise levels in the cockpit. The small airspeed system position error associated with changes in vertical speed represent a marked improvement over the systems in the CH-47A and the CH-47B. The greatly improved hover capability and excellent climb performance enhance the operational suitability of the helicopter. The use of a cruise guide indicator to display inflight loads on the aft dynamic components of the flight control system is excellent and should be incorporated in future designs. The performance characteristics of the helicopter are satisfactory for operational use.

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